

Mrs. Hill announces departure

Beloved Director's chapter at Harpeth Hall will be coming to a close

BY CLAIRE GOULD
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Last week, Upper School Director Jess Hill gave an unexpected announcement—that she will be leaving her post at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

"It is really hard," Mrs. Hill said, "So much of my identity is wrapped up in Harpeth Hall—I mean obviously I have a family and a life outside of Harpeth Hall—but it's a big part of who I am...It really is scary in the way that it is probably scary for seniors."

Mrs. Hill made the decision to leave last year. "I wanted to leave while I didn't want to leave, if that makes sense," Mrs. Hill said. "There were so many things, in starting this school year, that made me sentimental, just like it probably does for seniors. With that, I'm able to put in extra energy, willing it to be the very best thing it can be. Just like seniors—you kind of want to leave on a high, and that's the way I'm trying to do it."

Mrs. Hill is an integral part of the Harpeth Hall community, having served as Director for 12 years, and prior to that, teaching in the Upper School Math Department for 10 years. Her recent announcement impacted teachers and students alike.

English teacher Armistead Lemon was one of many teachers surprised by the news. "Like many of us, I was moved to tears," Ms. Lemon said. "It is hard to say goodbye to our wonderful colleague, friend and leader."

Tony Springman, social sciences teacher, said, "I can say that I have never worked more closely with any 'boss' in



MRS. HILL LEADS THE WAY: Mrs. Hill enjoys lunch in Souby Hall with Harpeth Hall Juniors on October 6, 2016 to connect and collect opinions. Photo by Ellie Truit

my 30 years at Harpeth Hall. I do not know of a single teacher that wants her to leave, which is one reason it is the perfect time for her to step aside. We should all be so lucky as to leave at the top of our

game."

Her lasting impact on the students is evident by glowing testimonials to her leadership. "She not only impacts Harpeth Hall, but she impacts the communi-

ty as well," senior Grace Anne Holladay says, because "Service is an important part of her mantra."

"Although I'm sad to see her leave, I'm happy that we're both leaving the same year because I really could not imagine a Harpeth Hall without Mrs. Hill," senior Zsozso Biegl says. "I have known her since before I even came to Harpeth Hall, and she has been such a constant on campus that I think the atmosphere of the upper school will definitely be changed without her presence."

Mrs. Hill is not retiring, but describes her departure rather as moving on. She plans on taking a few months off to be with her family and to visit her mother in Mobile, Alabama. She is not searching for a job while she still holds this position, because she wants to direct all of her energy into her final year as director.

"One of the things I love about this job is mentoring new teachers, so that would be something I would really enjoy," Mrs. Hill said. However, she will not work at another independent school in Nashville, because her "heart is at Harpeth Hall."

"Mrs. Hill has always advocated for our upper school teachers and our students, one was never at the expense of another," said Dr. Stephanie Balmer, Head of School. She has such strong character and integrity and a smart sense of humor."

To quote Maya Angelou, "I would like to be known as an intelligent woman, a courageous woman, a loving woman, a woman who teaches by being."

Mrs. Hill leaves behind a legacy that encompasses all of these traits, and through her strong character undeniably leaves Harpeth Hall a stronger institution.

Honeybear nation gears up for the Election

BY STELLA VUJIC
News Editor

It has been a year like no other on America's political stage.

After a hotly-contested primary voting season, the presidential election has been narrowed down to two of the most unpopular major-party candidates on record, according to Pew Research Center. As Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump vie for the nation's highest office, Logos is taking a look at the impact on Harpeth Hall and across the country.

If the presidential election has snagged the spotlight anywhere on campus, it is in Mrs. Moses's American government class.

The class has been holding live group

chats during the presidential and vice-presidential debates, where students have been sharing their own thoughts about the political proceedings in real time.

"I enjoy the group chat during the debate because while the debate is going on, there are no commentators, so the group chat allows us to point out key moments," says sophomore Millie Kirkland, who is a student in the American Government class.

Candid comments from students, such as, "How is 12 million dollars a small loan," from senior Sophia Howard, shows how the group chat allows students to critique the candidates' arguments as they

happen. This one referred to an argument over the loan Trump got from his father to start his business.

The election allows for an extra emphasis on current events in history and social sciences classes.

"I think we talk about current events more because it's an election year, and I think that most of my students are watching the news a little bit more," Mrs. Moses says. However, she is unsure about the real motivation behind students' newfound political engagement.

"Is it the entertainment factor, or are they really interested in the issues?" she asks.

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STUDENTS' TAKE ON THE ELECTION: Mrs. Moses's American Government Class present presidential candidate posters. Photo by Ellie Truit



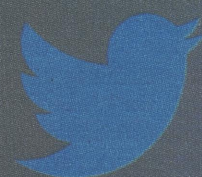
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Hispanic Heritage Month sheds light on HH diversity

BY MARGARET GAW
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On Friday October 7th, Harpeth Hall kicked off Hispanic Heritage month with Real World hosting Mr. Jose Gonzalez, husband of Spanish teacher Mrs. Gonzalez and father of sophomore Ana Gonzalez. He spoke about his story--how he came to Nashville from Mexico--and his nonprofit organization, Conexión Americas.

Hispanic Heritage month, which lasts from September 15 to October 15, is a nationwide celebration of people of Hispanic culture. This includes people from Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. This month-long event includes the anniversaries of independence for Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Chile, Belize and Costa Rica.

Why is it called Hispanic Heritage month, and not Spanish Heritage month or Latino Heritage month? Someone who descends from a Spanish-speaking country is Hispanic. Latinx is a gender-neutral alternative to Latino or Latina (someone of Latin American descent--this includes Brazil and excludes Spain). Someone can be both Latina and Hispanic because Latina is mainly based on location and Hispanic refers more to language.

Every year around the time of Hispanic Heritage month, colorful decorations and energetic music fill the rooms of Cheekwood on the last Saturday of October. This is because of Cheekwood's celebration of Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead. Many Harpeth Hall students attend this fiesta.

Dhara Patel, a junior at Harpeth Hall, loves going to Cheekwood to appreciate and celebrate Hispanic culture. "It's important to recognize and celebrate Hispanic culture because people of Latino descendant are such a large portion of our growing population," Patel said.

Making up the nation's largest ethnic minority, the Hispanic population of the United States reached 17.6% of the total



LIKE GRANDMOTHER, LIKE GRANDAUGHTER: Sophomore Ana Gonzalez celebrates Christmas with her family from Mexico. Photo Courtesy of Ana Gonzalez

population in 2015. In Nashville, there are about 65,000 Latinos, representing more than 20 countries and five ways of saying the same word in Spanish. Here at Harpeth Hall, there are five students of Latino descent.

The Harpeth Hall administration is working to increase this number as well as increase diversity as a whole on campus through many initiatives. The Head's Committee on Equity and Inclusion looks to recruit students and faculty from non-majority background, whether that is diversity in geography, family structure, religion, ethnicity or otherwise.

Once people from non-majority backgrounds arrive at Harpeth Hall, the faculty is responsible for how to include

and welcome them.

Finally, outreach to students in Williamson County, East Nashville and other areas occurs through workshops on financial aid, meeting with parents, and a program called Conexión Americas with Cameron College Preparatory School.

Wellesley Wilson, Harpeth Hall's Admissions Director, discusses the goals for Harpeth Hall's diversity. "We would love our student body to reflect what Nashville looks like and to prepare students to lead in the 21st century, which means learning to interact and work with different people," Ms. Wilson said.

Harpeth Hall recognizes Hispanic Heritage month through clubs such as Infinity Initiative, Real World, and

Spanish Club. These clubs will host speakers and meetings to learn about and celebrate Hispanic heritage throughout the month.

Ana Gonzalez, a sophomore, says that Hispanic Heritage month "is more about being aware of our heritage and appreciating it more than we usually do in our everyday lives. Some things we do year-round in my house that celebrate our heritage are cooking Mexican food and, listening to Latin music, and we have Latin American inspired decorations all around our house."

You can support people of Latino descent by volunteering at Conexión Americas and tutoring students, teaching English or looking after children.

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It's hard to say, since this is the first election year in which most students are old enough to be politically engaged; however, the environment at Harpeth Hall seems to encourage genuine political engagement.

"It's been emphasized a lot in the school with mock elections and in classes. You kind of have to know about the election to be in the know," senior Sara Hanson said.

Being "in the know" takes some work, since this election cycle has bucked almost every voter trend. For example, according to NPR, highly conservative Christians, who traditionally vote Republican, are struggling to find their values within the platforms of either candidate.

Young people, too, who often favored Vermont senator and Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders, are reluctant to support Clinton, according to McClatchy DC. The candidates' historic unpopularity is also leading to unusual attention for non-major party candidates, the Libertarian Gary Johnson and Green Party nominee Jill Stein.

Stein and Johnson have gained some traction due to voters' discontent with the front runners. Johnson, whose base sup-

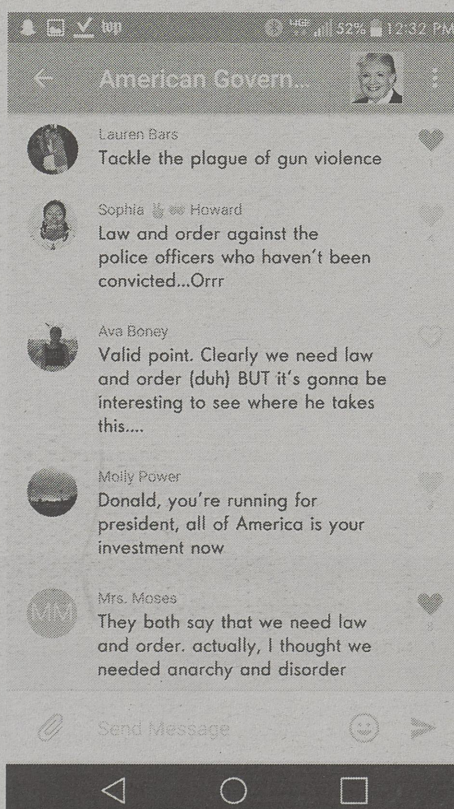
port comes largely from voters under 30, has received support from independent voters and from both sides of party lines, according to Pew. Neither candidate has received enough support to participate in televised debates.

Race issues and police violence continue to be major issues for the candidates, according to The New York Times.

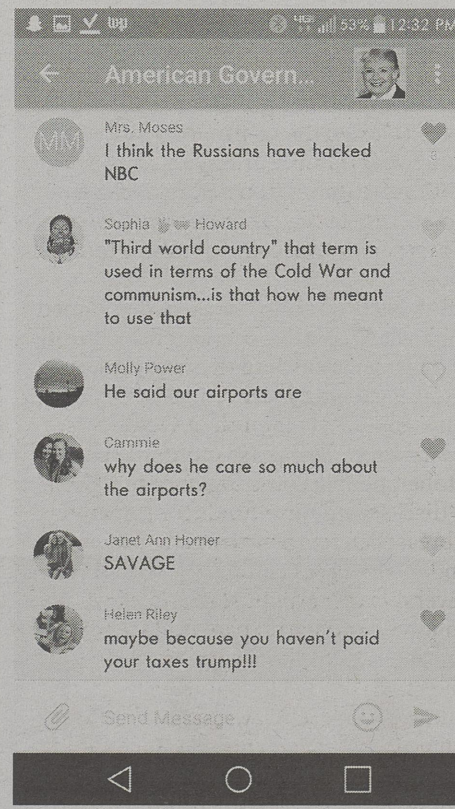
Recent terrorist activity has also highlighted the importance of national security. Trump has called for stricter immigration laws, while Clinton advocates for more focus on gathering intelligence, according to Wall Street Journal.

In a tumultuous and often caustic political climate that has been fraught with negativity, there might be a silver lining. "Because more young people are engaged, they are actually learning more about the process," Mrs. Moses said. "I hope that will encourage them to be involved with politics, maybe even on the local level."

Although most Harpeth Hall students are not old enough to vote, this election is good practice for the future. Learning how to process the election mania and understand the issues now can help alleviate confusion and promote action when it is time for students to cast the ballot.



REAL TALK: Students weigh in on the first presidential debate. Photo Courtesy of Claire Gould



CANDID COMMENTS: Students poke fun while also offering constructive criticism. Photo Courtesy of Claire Gould

Google Fiber developments add to traffic mayhem

BY MILLIE KIRKLAND AND MOHINI MISRA
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Have you ever been stuck in standstill traffic in the Nashville area or had a problem with your internet or cable provider?

For many Nashvillians, the answer is a resounding yes. But how do these two questions relate to each other?

Google Fiber.

Google Fiber, an up-and-coming wireless and cable provider, is currently being installed in the Nashville area along the roads, leading to increasing levels of standstill traffic.

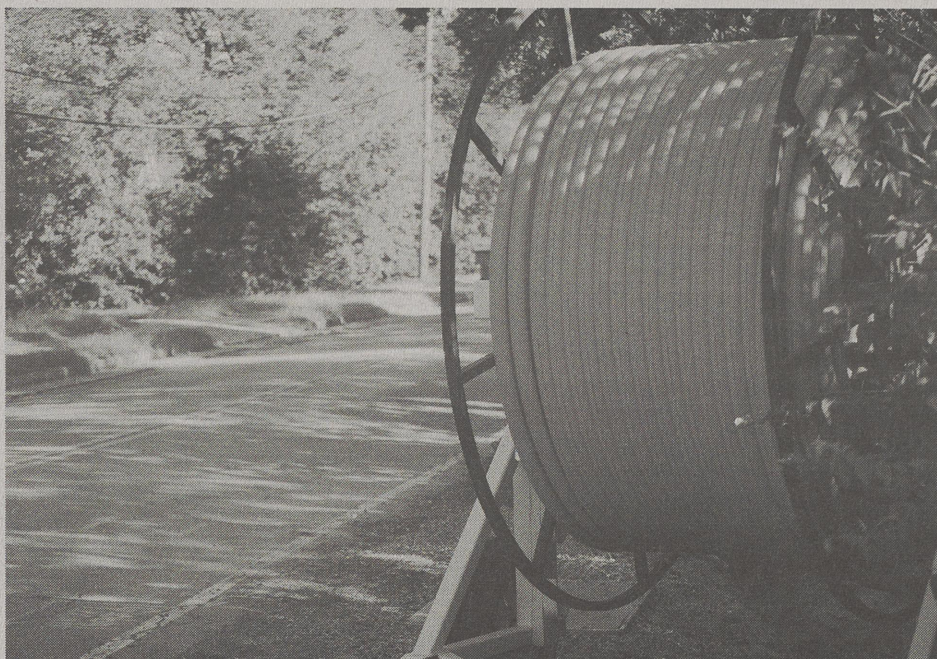
With only two primary options, Comcast and AT&T, a third option for cable and internet poses a potential threat to these two companies. As a result, there is an opposition to Google Fiber staking territory in Nashville. This opposition specifically focuses on an ordinance proposed recently by Google Fiber.

For the past few months, the ordinance has been argued in the Metro Council and very recently was put to its final vote. This vote sided with Google Fiber.

According to The Tennessean, this ordinance, One Touch Makes Ready, is supposed to help the efficiency of the attachment of cable lines to cable poles. Essentially, Google Fiber blames this slow process of setting up the system on their slow work in making Google Fiber available to the city.

Nashville has over 90% of their cables on telephone poles because its rocky undersurface is difficult for building underground infrastructure. Each cable provider has their own cable lines.

In order for Google Fiber to put up their lines, they must wait for other providers to individually move their existing



FASTER INTERNET WORTH SLOWER TRAFFIC?: Google Fiber's installations clog up roads and result in more traffic. Photo by Ellie Truitt

lines.

With One Touch Makes Ready, Google Fiber can hire a contractor to move all the lines at once. This would help traffic because there would only be one truck on the street as opposed to multiple.

Fiber's competitors, Comcast and AT&T, argue that although the ordinance might make things faster at first, fixing contractors' mistakes would take up more time, causing extra road work and traffic headaches.

Traffic issues from Google Fiber work is widespread. Roads are backed up from the work Google Fiber has been doing to install the system. This issue has a great impact because installations are happening all over the city at once.

Nashville's growth rate and overtaxed roads are already causing problems such as extended rush hours, more road collisions, and an overall slower system.

Many Harpeth Hall students and faculty complain that trips from one place to another are taking longer and longer.

Biology teacher Lisa Keen is one of these teachers. She said that it now takes her 10 minutes longer than usual to travel from home to school. She also gave one helpful tip that makes it so she is not always stuck in terrible traffic: Waze. Waze is a GPS app that includes traffic in its calculations to find the fastest route.

Junior Dhara Patel also deals with traffic headaches on a daily basis. "It takes me ten minutes just to get down Hills-

boro Pike to school," she said.

With Google Fiber being set in motion on cable wires lining the roads (even more frequently in the center of the city), Nashville traffic is being slowed down even more. Faster cable is essentially leading to slower traffic.

However, it is important to look at the long-term impacts of both Google Fiber and the Nashville traffic system.

Will the long-term ease and speed for cable and wireless users around Nashville be a larger gain than the burden of slow traffic, enlarged by cable line set-up and repairs? Professionals at Google Fiber think so.

According to the head of Google Fiber operations in Nashville, Martha Ivester, Google Fiber's purpose is to make high speed internet more accessible. Ivester said that Google Fiber has a "core commitment to help the digital divide."

The company has already started on this goal by providing free 'gig' internet to the Edgehill community. They also hope to provide low-cost internet to areas in Nashville (and other cities) with limited Internet access.

Another benefit of Google Fiber is better service by competing companies. Just by announcing their arrival, Google Fiber is making companies like Comcast and AT&T work harder. Mrs. Ivester noted, "Good competition is important for consumers."

The high-speed Internet that Fiber will bring could be very beneficial to growth in numerous industries. In Nashville particularly, the entertainment industry could benefit. According to Mrs. Ivester, Fiber has the potential to "transform the people creating content."

Students participate in breast cancer awareness

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Harpeth Hall students and faculty were decked out in colorful tutus and shaking pink pompoms in Brentwood, Tennessee on the first day of October this year to fight something that affects many: breast cancer.

This event is Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, one of the hallmark events for promoting breast cancer awareness in Middle Tennessee. The 5k race is designed to unite the community and raise funds for research. Participants pay a registration fee that is donated to Susan G. Komen, one of the premier foundations for breast cancer research in the United States.

In the U.S., around one in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer during her lifetime, according to breastcancer.org. Because breast cancer affects so many women, the month of October is breast cancer awareness month. During October, people come together to fight the disease and raise funds for research on breast cancer treatment and prevention.

Every year, Harpeth Hall and MBA join forces and participate in Race for the Cure as a way to show support for the movement.

Junior Margaret Gaw was one of these enthusiastic participants. "At Race for the Cure, I noticed that many families and communities would run with shirts that commemorated loved ones who were affected by cancer, which shows support



SOPHOMORE SPIRIT! Mary Caroline Hayles, Meghan Herlitzka, Adison Fields, Lilly Beth Bradshaw and Leah Allen help promote breast cancer awareness at Race for the Cure. Photo Courtesy of Miller Callen

and unity among the community and also shows how far-reaching the disease is," Gaw said.

Junior Halle Petrie, who also ran in the race, has certainly felt the effects of breast cancer in her family. "My aunt from Chattanooga survived breast cancer, so

every year my family makes an effort to donate and run to support the cause and her," she says.

Harpeth Hall students are promoting breast cancer other visual ways too. For example, the HH cheerleaders often wear pink in their hair during games in

October.

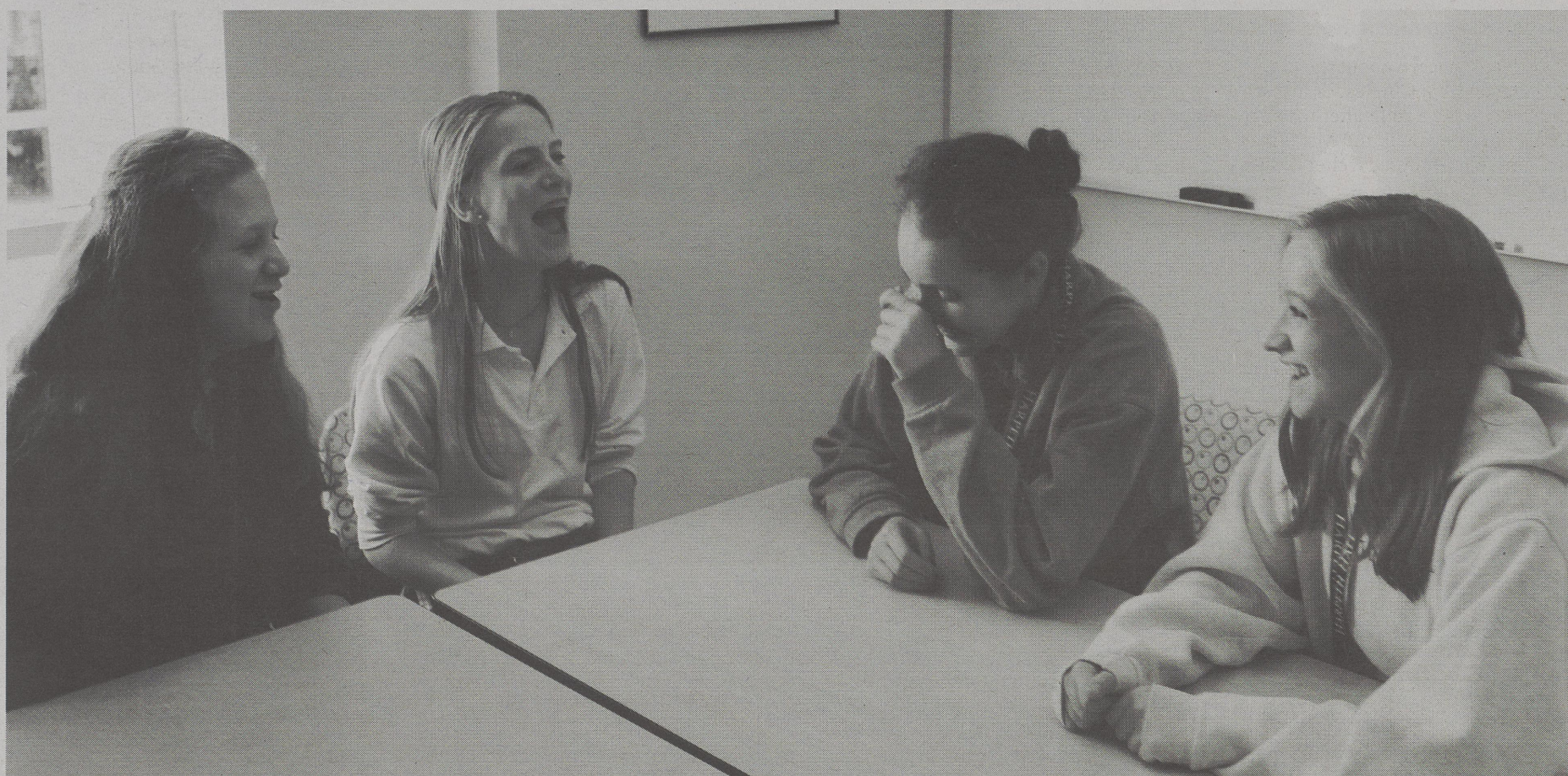
According to sophomore Sophie McKenzie, visual support can be really meaningful. "Pink isn't normally a part of many schools' uniforms, so when people wear pink it shows solidarity with people who have breast cancer," McKenzie said.

Breast cancer research has figured into the academic lives of many students as well. According to Dr. Stacy Gardner, the director for STEM education at Harpeth Hall, several girls have engaged in breast cancer research as a part of their STEM research course over the years.

"Over the four years we have had the STEM Research course, we have had two Harpeth Hall students conduct research in breast cancer," Dr. Gardner said. "This year, Stella Vujic is working in the lab of Dr. Wei Zheng with Dr. Shaneda Anderson conducting a fascinating epidemiological study of lifestyle factors that affect both estrogen receptor positive and negative breast cancers. Last year, Michelle Biesman worked in the lab of Dr. Todd Giorgio developing improved methods of drug delivery via siRNA. It's exciting to see these exceptional students already contributing to breast cancer research that could ultimately affect the lives of people in our community."

Other tangible ways to support the fight against breast cancer besides research are early screening, donating, and fundraising for educational purposes. For women fighting breast cancer, support and encouragement are a vital part of their recovery.

Meet the class of 2020's newest members



ALL LAUGHS: (left to right) Mary Catherine Claverie, Katie Mendes, Ellie Frist and Isabel Long enjoy a break from class to catch up and share a laugh. Photo by Sarah Tolbert.

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Every Harpeth Hall student experiences the thrill, nervousness and excitement when first walking through the doors as a new addition to the student body.

For some, the transition may be strange and unsettling, and for others, the thought of a fresh start is exhilarating. Yet, within this flood of newbies, is an entire subcategory of freshmen who are new to Harpeth Hall altogether.

The Class of 2020 has 100 members, 20 of which are new this year. Of these 20, a staggering 14 girls have come from Harding Academy.

However, despite how different every transition may be, every student intertwines into a tight-knit community. The newest honeybears to roam the glorious halls of the upper school have started their time at Harpeth Hall on a strong note and their sense of camaraderie is already evident.

One of the most important aspects of a new school include the teachers and classes, and it may take some time to get settled into the curriculum.

Meg Beuter, a new freshman from Harding said, "I like a lot of the teachers and that makes up for some of the classes being hard."

However challenging and stressful the curriculum may seem, a balance is created in the relationships between students. Another former Harding student, Isabel Long, said, "Our grade is very laid back and just so fun to be around. For example, we always sing Wii music in English class."

The new freshman were also taken aback by the many positive aspects Harpeth Hall has to offer. The welcoming atmosphere is a common appeal among them.

This is evident as Julia Townsend said, "I love the environment here". One of the most distinguishable characteristics of Harpeth Hall, is of course, its all-girl

environment. This nurtures a community of individual confidence which fosters a close-knit setting of support and community.

Regarding this subject, freshman Ellie Frist said, "I feel like we don't need to worry about judgement from others".

The uniforms can also prove to be an asset here at the Hall, and Isabel Long said, "The uniforms just make our lives so much easier", and Catarina Carter agrees in saying, "I love the uniforms".

Similarly, the upper school block schedule was received positively by the freshmen, as Mary Catherine Claverie said, "the 80 minute classes are so nice."

As the current freshman are finding their place here at Harpeth Hall, they provide words of wisdom for future incoming freshmen. Many encourage others to step out of their comfort zones, as Mary Catherine Claverie advises, "don't be afraid to meet new people and try new things, it's the best to adjust to a new environment".

Julia Townshend also articulated this idea in saying, "Be open and don't limit yourself". Isabel Long comments on the supportive community here and advises, "Don't stress, people here are very nice and willing to help out!"

All in all, Catarina Carter encompasses the common sentiment among the freshmen to "Just go with the flow."

The arrival of new students at Harpeth Hall bring fresh insight and experiences to the community. Their individuality is apparent, and each student has many exciting qualities to contribute.

Such include intriguing genetics as Mary Catherine Claverie stated, "There are two sets of twins in my family. I have a twin brother who goes to MBA and a little brother and sister who are eight- the other set of twins", and even versatile linguists as Haviland Whiting said, "My family lived in France for a while so I speak French, and I learned British sign language there because my best friend was deaf."

Other intriguing components of

the freshman class include Katie Mendes's equestrian background and Julia Townsend's motile life, as she's moved six times.

Undoubtedly, the diversity of talent and experience of the new freshmen is beyond what first meets the eye.

When walking down the history hall, it becomes impossible to ignore the excited chatter, resounding laughs and spirited personality of the freshmen girls.

While the environment here may have seemed startling at first, it clearly seems that the class has comfortably integrated and established their own place in the upper school.



HARD AT WORK: Caroline Frederiksen works on a portrait for Ms. Noel's Art I Class. Photo by Sarah Tolbert.



CLUB PLACEMENTS: New freshmen await to know which intermural club they will be selected in. Photo by Adam Wilman.

Feature a Teacher: Getting to know Ms. Jurca

BY BIANCA SASS

Opinions Editor

If you want to learn about the Mandarin language, Tai Chi, tea, or just see a friendly face, take a right after the sophomore lobby and you'll find Ms. Jurca's room. The sole Chinese teacher in the Upper School, she is an integral part of the community. In the eight years she has taught here, she has built up a thriving Chinese program for which she is the cornerstone, as she teaches Chinese I to IV. Yet this is only one of many reasons students adore her.

Nina Petro, a tenth grader taking Chinese III, said, "My favorite thing about Ms. Jurca, among many, is her constant positivity and energy throughout class."

In a school where academic anxiety can run rampant, it is invaluable to have someone as cheerful as Ms. Jurca.

"I was feeling really stressed," another sophomore student, Lillian Stowe said, "and out of the blue she turns around and gives me a cookie. It was a small thing but it made such a big difference in my day."

It is little moments like these that make Ms. Jurca so special, and in turn, they make Harpeth Hall special as well.

Ms. Jurca's compassion reaches beyond those in her class, however, and she affects even those who know nothing about Chinese. "I am always interested in other cultures and languages," said sophomore Caroline Spindel. "Whenever I have a question, she is 100 percent willing to answer and goes the extra mile to make sure I understand it."



JACK OF ALL TRADES: A young Ms. Jurca poses with her accordion in China in the late 50s. Photo courtesy of Jingli Jurca.

While Ms. Jurca is well-known in the Hall, receiving visitors in her classroom at all times of the school day, not everyone may know the details of her life before joining the Honeybear community. As her interview began, she said, "I used to interview others. I was a journalist."

Born in a city called Hangzhou, she moved later to Beijing to work in communications. After teaching at a vocational school, Ms. Jurca was hired by the company CCTV (China Central Television) to write for a magazine called Popular TV. She said, "I loved the teaching job, but my passion at that time was to become a journalist. So therefore, I took a national exam and became [one]."

If this seems like a leap of faith, Ms. Jurca later decided to follow a new dream. 22 years ago, she came to America. With only a student visa, she knew no English, but was accepted by Indiana University. After college, Ms. Jurca's turned down yet another path. After getting married, she became a full-time mother for ten years. But once her children grew older, she realized she was missing something. So Ms. Jurca's story came full circle. She got a job teaching at first the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute, and then, in 2008, came to Harpeth Hall.

While her personality is something to learn from in and of itself, Ms. Jurca also has pivotal knowledge to teach about Chinese culture and language.

On the subject, Ms. Jurca said, "Chinese culture is such a compli-



ADVENTURE SEEKER: Ms. Jurca rides a camel at Tengger Desert in inner Mongolia, China during the 80s. Photo courtesy of Jingli Jurca.

cated issue... because China is a very, very different country... especially to the Western world. It is communist; there is no democracy."

But, in her opinion, this makes it even more important of a society to teach about. Ms. Jurca noted how in America, internet gives us easy access to infinite information. In China, however, anything that casts the country in a negative light is blocked online. Because of this, Chinese students don't have the opportunity to learn about a lot of things, especially the downfalls of their own country. So Ms. Jurca believes that is where we must step in.

"To be critical thinkers," she said, "if we're going to think about China, I wish that we can think not only with dragons, or red lanterns or dumplings. Not think that's the culture. With that, we're missing a big part of the treasure. [We], as scholars, [need to] in the future, help this nation."

Ms. Jurca sees the needs of every individual at Harpeth Hall, and beyond that, of people around the world, using global perspective. Her smile and kindness is contagious and brightens up every student's day. She most certainly lives honorably, leads confidently, and thinks critically. As Spindel put it, "She is definitely a someone to look up to in kindness, elegance, and intelligence."

Young Entrepreneurs at HH

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Student businesses have become increasingly popular among high-school students, especially at Harpeth Hall. Recent graduates and currently enrolled students had plenty to say about forming student businesses and what exactly is required to become successful.

Harpeth Hall senior Deborah Otuno's baking business blossomed from her passion of all things baked. She makes and sells cakes and cupcakes for special occasions, or when you're just in the mood for something sweet, as well as making chocolate chip coconut banana bread. Otuno said, "It was a bit intimidating when I first started by business, and it

still is a little intimidating. When I started, I realized I had to be more open and vocal about my baking so people would know that I had a business."

Junior McKenzie Darnell runs a craft business with her mom that sells little girls' skirts, baby blankets, aprons, pillow cases, stationery, headbands and more. Their target audience is primarily people at local craft fairs; Darnell said, "It all started out with my mom and me just fiddling around with the sewing machine, and next thing I knew, we were selling our stuff at craft fairs."

Anna Proctor, junior at Southern Methodist University and Harpeth Hall class of 2014, is the founder of "Beads by Anna," a jewelry business that is immensely popular among teenagers in the

Nashville community.

On watching her business blossom, Proctor said, "I had a lot of ups and downs with figuring out logistics, but having successful trunk shows and consistent orders coming in is always a highlight. It's hard to find the balance between BBA and school. The good thing is I'm studying strategic brand management for advertising and public relations, so I'll be in class and get an idea for a BBA promotion or something, and BBA helps me understand the concepts we talk about in class!"

Proctor said, "Dream big, but also work really, really hard. Having your own business looks fun and easy, and it's definitely fun, but never easy. If you're serious about it, it's a full-time job!"

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Una Aventura de una vita for Caroline Hannon

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Curiosity in the world beyond the walls of Harpeth Hall is a common trait among students. One such student, junior Caroline Hannon, acted on this desire to learn about a new culture and language. Through the organization AFS (formerly the American Field Service), she studied in the southern region of Puglia in Italy for the past year.

Hannon knew she wanted to do something different in high school, and this program seemed to be just what she was looking for. At first she considered studying Spanish, but because Spanish is taught here at school, she decided to learn Italian instead. So in early September 2015, Hannon boarded a plane en route to a new adventure.

One of the hardest challenges she had to overcome, at the beginning, was communicating. Since her host family spoke no English and Hannon spoke no Italian, conversation and understanding was limited the first few weeks.

As her language skills progressed, though, Hannon became closer with her family, especially her host siblings, and by the end it was as if she was part of the family.

Hannon attended school Mondays through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and would usually return home for a



Just Visiting: Hannon (right) and Italian friends pose outside the Roman Colosseum after a day of eating gelato and being tourists around Italy. Photo courtesy of Caroline Hannon.

lunch of pasta (lunch is very important in Italy) and a nap. Hannon's class schedule included subjects such as Chemistry, Art History, Italian Literature, and Math—all in Italian.

At the beginning of the school year, she claims to have not understood anything, but by the end, she could comprehend practically everything.

Though she did not get to see her family

and friends until July, she formed lasting relationships with the other kids from all over the world participating in the program as well as her peers at the Italian school she attended.

Her favorite memory from her time in Italy was at the very end, when she and seven other students from the organization rented an apartment in Rome and explored the city for three days.

She also enjoyed exchange week, a week where kids from the south of Italy stayed with a host family in the north for a week, and kids from the north went to the south, so that they could visit more of Italy and experience the different regional cultures.

For those considering the program, Hannon strongly advises to go for it.

"It's hard but it's definitely the best thing that I've ever done."

For those about to embark on the journey, such as sophomore Millie Kirkland,

who will be studying in Spain next year, Hannon wisely advises to "be patient."

"The language comes with time, the friends come with time. Be patient, but also work at it."

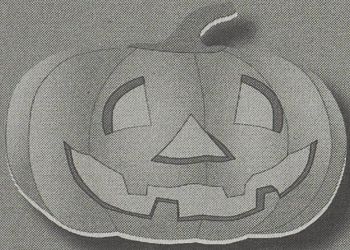
Halloweentown High

BY SHAYE HENDRICKS
Features Editor

As Fall Break is around the corner, we are slowly but surely approaching one of the best days of the year.

It's never too late to channel your inner child especially during Halloween. Whether that means trick-or-treating or dressing up as your favorite childhood character, Halloween is a favorite holiday among many.

"As disconcerting as Halloween night



is for me... I love seeing the little kids have fun," English teacher Joe Croker said.

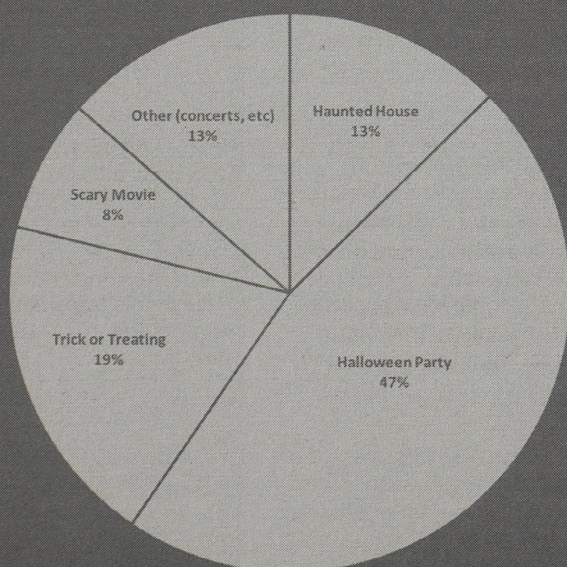
"It involves candy, and anything that has chocolate in it, I'm in favor of," art teacher Peter Goodwin said.

In the Harpeth Hall community, students

celebrate Halloween in a variety of ways such as haunted houses, costume parties, or concerts.

Out of the upper school student body, 96% of the girls celebrate the holiday in some way or another.

HOW ARE HARPETH HALL STUDENTS CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN?



Annika Brakebill: Where are they now?

BY CATHERINE SMITH
Staff Writer

Annika Brakebill, sister of current Harpeth Hall sophomore Mia Brakebill, graduated from Harpeth Hall in 2015 and now is in her second year at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

With impressive academic work, Brakebill is focusing her studies on biology.

Brakebill's favorite part of college is the different people she has met. "Academics are undoubtedly important, but I've learned the most from the people around me," Brakebill said.

The largest adjustment for her has been taking care of herself along with going to school.

Excited about her future and the opportunities ahead, Brakebill is considering medical or graduate school. She also said she "want[s] to take a gap year and travel or work as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)."

Brakebill's medical interests are evident by her work this past summer. She truly shows her talents to the real world at her impressive internship.

She worked at Vanderbilt University on a teaching experiment. New residents were being taught how to perform heart surgery using pig heart-lung sets connected to perfusion equipment.

Especially in work and at the academically rigorous school Stanford University, Brakebill is grateful for the study and time management skills

she developed in her middle and high school years at Harpeth Hall.

Smart, athletic, and fun-loving, Brakebill has carried her talents all the way to California.

Often referred to as the "Energizer Bunny" by Mrs. Vest, her high spirits drive her to finish any task at hand. Although she attends college over 2,000 miles away from home, Anika's years at Harpeth Hall continue to benefit her.



WORKING HARD: Brakebill has a silly moment while studying hard this summer at Vanderbilt. Photo Courtesy of Annika Brakebill

Nifty Nashville Guide: Places to see in 2017

BY CARRIE HAYNES & AUGUSTA BOWHAY

Opinions Editor & Staff Writer

In our increasingly booming city, there are tons of things to do.

Hundreds of people are moving here a day, and for us natives, that's great news because we get all the cool new restaurants that come with this booming city. Tourists are interested in local spots and want to know places off the beaten path. While we obviously don't want to share our favorite spots with them, the Harpeth Hall Community could benefit from a few new hidden spots.

Places such as Proper Bagel and Five Daughter's Bakery may no longer be new to us locals, but always deliver when craving a crispy cronut. Vuis Kitchen, a restaurant excelling in fresh and healthy Vietnamese food (spring rolls, pho, amazing salads) is also a favorite of mine.

These three restaurants represent a quick way to make a plain day feel special. You eat your beautiful, unique food in a setting surrounded by those who also enjoy the spice of life. You feel like you are in the very celebrity Instagram photos through which you scroll every day.

I love a cute pop in, pop out, get-your-bagel-and-scam kind of place. That being said, the thirty-four year old inside me wants something a little more elegant. I want to be wined and dined via 5th & Taylor, Chauhan, Rolf & Daughters, Virago.

That's where Salt + Vine comes in, a new restaurant that has been plastered all over my social media feed. Upon walking in, you notice the unconventional element of the restaurant: the market. Fresh ingredients, including French bread, charcuterie, and precious jams, are available for purchase aside from your delightful food. Completely white, the space remains light and bright.



TASTY TREATS: Sophomore Leah Allen enjoys a chocolate chip cookie at Dose Coffee. Photo Courtesy of Sarah Tolbert

But onto the food: It. Is. Amazing. The watermelon burrata, which is just as bourgeois as it sounds, a necessity in your life. Boasting a classic cheese plate, incredible wines and cocktails, and fresh food that doesn't make you sleepy, this restaurant will make you feel like an accomplished businesswoman treating herself on Wednesday night.

Next, the Treehouse Restaurant. This place fulfills childhood treehouse dreams while also fulfilling any hipster aspirations. Adorable and outdoorsy, if this place were a movie, it would be a combination of '500 days of Summer' and 'Moonrise Kingdom.' Treehouse has stepped up their game since landing the well-regarded chef Jason Zygmunt with an array of intricate dishes under his belt. My personal favorite dishes are the green roots herb salad and the ramen.

Meg Beuter, freshman, and Holly MacDonald, junior, mention Bella Napoli, an

Italian restaurant hidden in Edgehill Village. It's hard to decide what is better: the mom n' pop feel or the brick-oven pizza with dough all the way from Italy.

Stella Vujic recommends The Hon-ey-suckle, a southern fusion restaurant with a modern twist. "All of their food is locally sourced and ranges from comforts like biscuits and chicken and waffles to steak presented on pink, Himalayan salt stones."

Lastly, there is the beautiful Dose Café. Don't get me wrong, I will love Barista Parlor for as long as I live, but it's nice to switch things up for a Saturday coffee. Dose excels in foreign coffees, with any drink under the sun, but they have also expanded their menu. Oh yes, you can now get rosemary biscuits, avocado toast, and spicy papaya salad (God's gift to man).

Nashville, however, has more to offer than just food. Senior, Summer Kapan-

ka, recommends Cumberland Park for spectacular views from Nashville's downtown waterfront. Also downtown is the Cherry Blossom Festival held in the spring. "The Cherry Blossom Festival brings people from all sorts of different communities including the Tennessee Foreign Language Institute, different groups that conduct martial arts demonstrations, and they even give away some cherry blossom trees," sophomore Sophie McKenzie said.

One of Halle Petrie's favorite activities is hiking Percy Warner Park's Mossy Ridge Trail. Located in the heart of Belle Meade, this four mile loop is perfect for a Sunday stroll.

Another great hiking spot is the Sculpture Trail at Cheekwood. Julia Dobbs, Freshman, loves spending time with her family here. Starting in the back of the mansion by the stone lions, its scenic path winds throughout the forest.

Juniors, Eleonor Wright's and Shaye Hendricks's favorite spot is Local Honey, a hip store and hair salon on Belmont Blvd. The store has a vintage, eclectic feel to it and the hairdressers work with well acclaimed modeling agencies.

After a day in the trendy side of town, spend the night swing dancing at Centennial Park. Molly Gaglione, Marguerite Coombs and Camille Patton spend many of their summer Saturday nights here.

Whether you want to try a new restaurant, enjoy the outdoors, or go on a shopping spree, Nashville has plenty to offer for everyone. As Nashville residents, it's easy to get stuck in a bubble and forget how exciting the city we all call home is. Personally, I hope my last year spent in this amazing city is full of new adventures. So the next time you and your friends are having trouble deciding what to do on a Friday night, try something new instead of the same scene--what you find might surprise you.

Senior speeches with a twist

BY CAMILLE PATTON
News Editor

Immense changes are coming to the Harpeth Hall staple: senior speeches.

This tradition started with Ms. Ann Teaff, the previous Head of School, and served as a means of introducing girls to public speaking and feeling more confident with their presence onstage.

After making attendance to these speeches optional for non-seniors last year, more adjustments are being made.

Starting this year, the faculty and staff have decided to put a twist on the classic podium speech. Because public speaking is not appealing to all girls, students will have the opportunity to share what is meaningful to them through the form of a speech, a performance or a video. Seniors now have more flexible ways to share their ideas, passions, and talents, which could help relieve some of the stress which surrounds the typical senior speech.

Harpeth Hall's decision regarding senior speech variety will make the whole process much more agreeable. Senior Grace Anne Holladay said that the presentations make the experience "creative, unique and meaningful. It is a lot less stressful for so many of us to know that



FANCY FEET: Senior Grace Ann Robertson shares her tap dancing skills during her senior presentation. Photo Courtesy of Ellie Truitt

we only have to speak in front of the girls in our own grade if we want to."

This new dimension to the senior speeches has the potential to bring variety for the audience, because seniors are now able to present themselves in a more personal way.

Trick-or-Treating: Worth the Scare?

BY DHARA PATEL
News Editor

Children dress up as ghosts, witches, princesses, goblins, and superheroes to "trick or treat" on Halloween. The traditional view of Halloween is childish, light-hearted fun; however, there is a darker side to Halloween that is unknown to many.

According to Huffington Post, crime rates all across the country generally spike on Halloween. Nashville in particular is believed to be a dangerous city on Halloween. In fact, Nashville was ranked 9th on USA Today's "10 Worst Cities for Halloween."

Harpeth Hall junior McKenzie Darnell says, "It's sad that people take advantage of such a great holiday! Parents are sending their young kids out alone on Halloween thinking that their neighborhoods are safe. As a whole, our community needs to be cautious."

Over the years, people have become more aware of the dangers that come with trick-or-treating. Numerous suburban areas launch full-scale neighborhood watches on Halloween night in attempt to keep children safe.

The Clowns of Middle Tennessee are taking Nashville by storm and raising new safety concerns for fellow trick-or-treaters. These clown sightings began in North Carolina on August 19th; however, they quickly spread and became a na-

tion-wide epidemic. In most cases, these terrifying clowns have been spotted at the edge of wooded areas trying to lure children using money and candy. Although officials are warning trick-or-treaters not to wear clown costumes on Halloween, many stores report that clown costumes are their best selling item.

In a recent poll, Harpeth Hall students and faculty were asked whether or not clown sightings will affect their plans for Halloween night. Fifty-four percent of those polled said their plans are not likely to change and forty-five said the opposite.

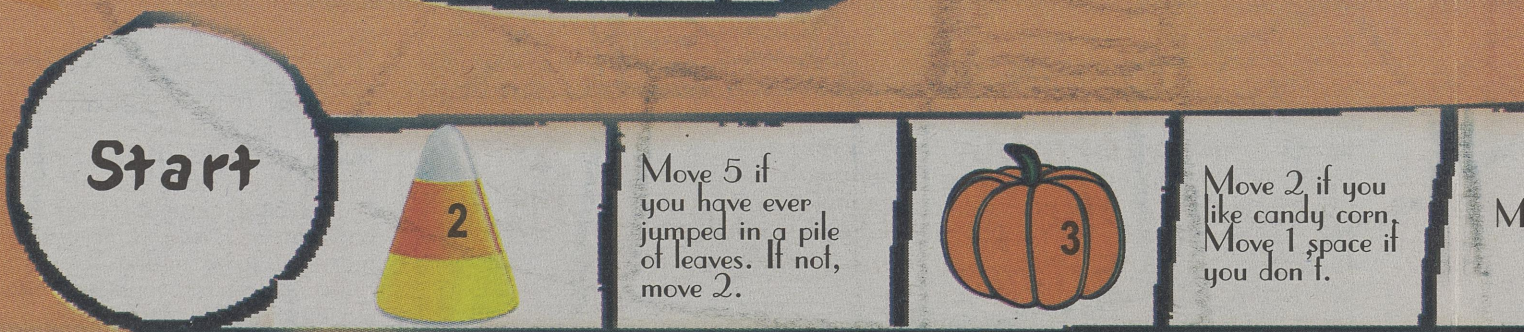
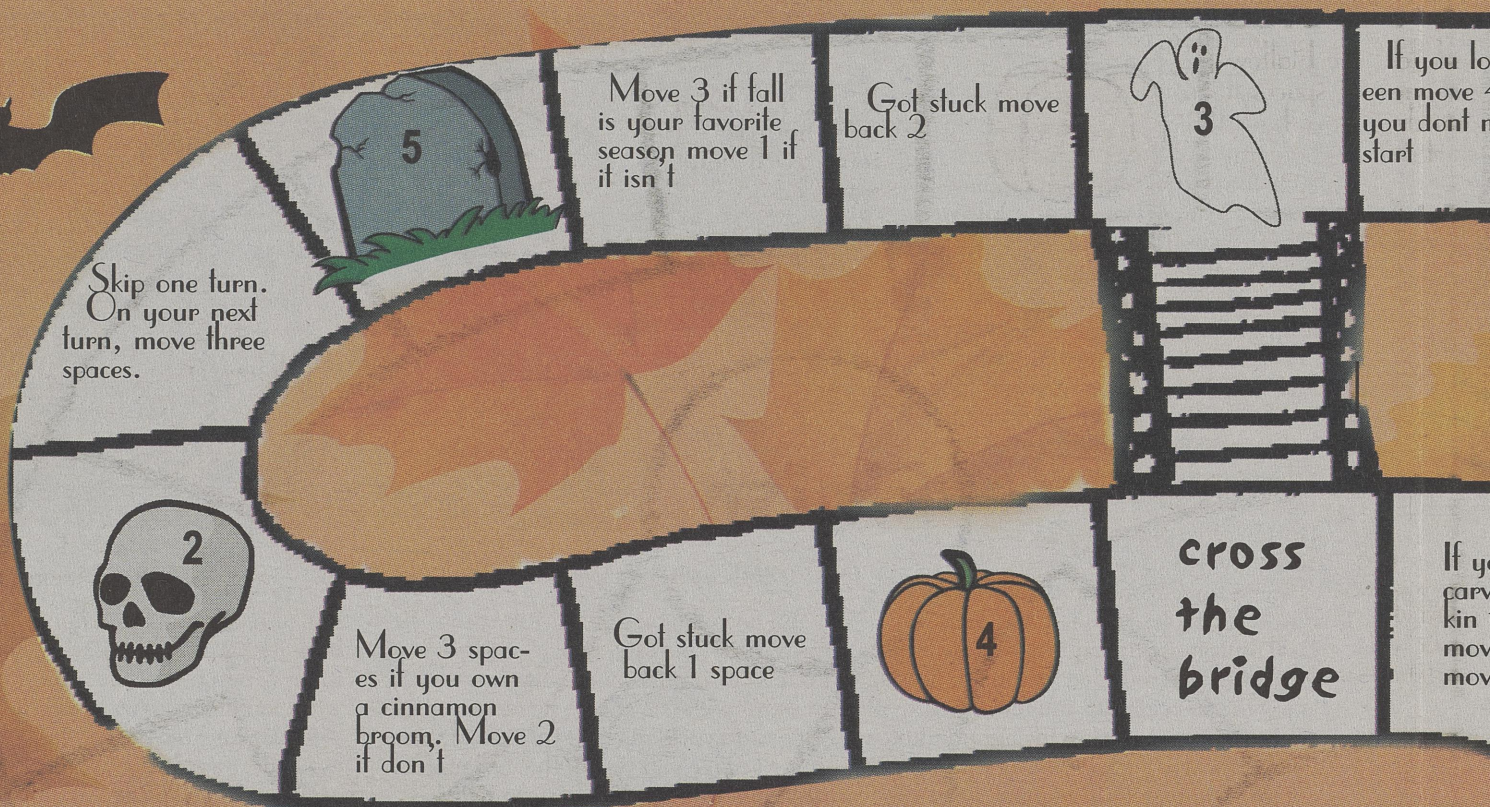
Helen Rieke, who agrees with the majority, says, "If I was planning on going trick-or-treating this year, I would not change my plans because trick-or-treating is like a tradition and important part of childhood. Everyone needs to experience the joy of dressing up and getting candy!"

On the contrary, some students believe it is impossible to ignore this scary epidemic as the number of clown sightings and attacks continues to grow. Carrie Haynes says, "I'm just picturing a clown standing outside my window at night—it's so scary! I wouldn't want to go trick-or-treating now that there are creepy clowns everywhere."

With the rise of Nashville crime rates in October, stay safe and have a Happy Halloween.

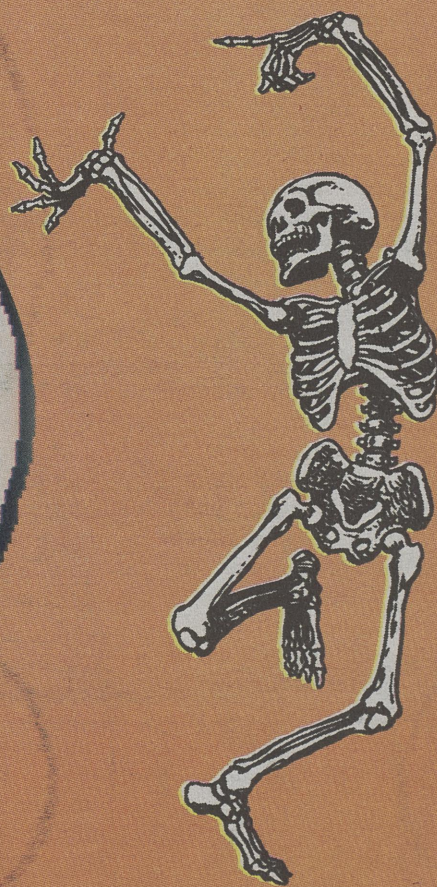
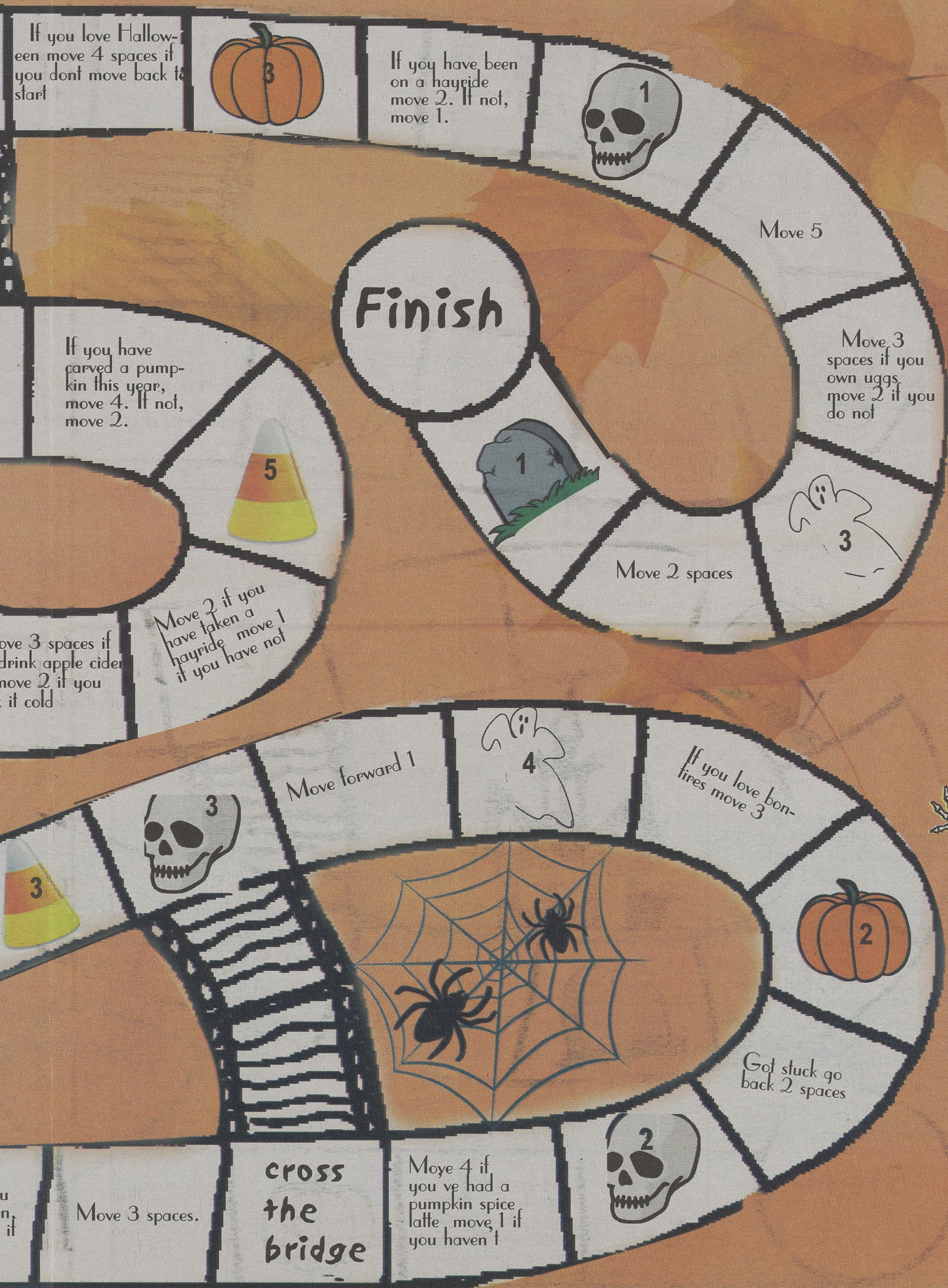
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Harpeth Hallo



Directions: Play with 2-4 players. Take turns and the first person who gets to finish wins the game.
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Halloween Land



the game. Use a piece of candy for a game piece. Start by moving 2 spaces if you are a lower-
 ou land on an object, move forward the number written.

Willing to fight for your rights? Women in war

BY NISHA RAMANNA
Staff Writer

Should young women be forced to fight in war? Recent legislation in the U.S. Congress has made the drafting of women to fight much more likely.

In June, a bill stating that 18-year-old women must register for the draft passed through the Senate and went to the House of Representatives. Currently, the Senate and the House are editing the bill and trying to come to an agreement.

While a draft hasn't been issued by the American government since 1973, that doesn't make this landmark legislation any less historic.

For centuries, to many, serving in the army seemed like a rite of passage for a man. Now, women could experience a similar kind of rite of passage-- a true testament to how much life has changed for American women in the past 250 years.

The issue has proved divisive. "Every single leader in this country...believes that it's fair...that [women] would also be registering for Selective Services," Republican senator from Arizona John McCain said. Some leaders in McCain's own party, however, disagree. Texas senator and former presidential nominee, Ted Cruz, believes that women are not prepared to be drafted.

Regardless of gender, some question if conscription should be allowed at all.



SERVING OUR COUNTRY: HH Alum Hannah Claybrook, Class of 2010, sister of current senior Grace Claybrook, suits up as part of the ROTC program. Photo courtesy of Hannah Claybrook.

While some argue that the institution of a draft would ensure that the armed forces don't overwhelmingly draw from those of a lower socio-economic status, others suggest that forced conscription represents an affront to the Constitution.

I highly respect those who serve our country in the military, but that is not the path I wish to take. To force me to fight in a war I am unprepared for both mentally and physically would be a form of involuntary servitude.

Many eighteen-year-olds are seniors in high school. At that age, we look forward to things like college, and pursuing the jobs that we are passionate about. All of a sudden, we are swept out into war. We go through rigorous training that we weren't prepared for. We are thrust into battle where our lives are constantly put at risk. To force a person to go through an experience like this at such a young age makes little sense.

However, if another draft is ever issued, does it not seem fair that women be included in the pool? If you support feminism, the advocacy for women having rights equivalent to men's, should it not be encouraged that women also have the same responsibilities?

If you are fighting to be treated as an equal, does that not include dropping everything and heading to the frontlines if you are needed?

Stop going nuts

New policy leaves some students feeling salty

BY CAROLINE DANIEL
Staff Writer

Merely days before the start of the 2016-2017 school year, an announcement was sent out that surprised Honeybear nation: Harpeth Hall was going peanut-free.

Some students rejoiced, finally able to cast aside their constant fears of anaphylactic shock; however, others lamented the change as their final days of summer were filled with grocery trips to find replacements for their go-to snacks.

I, unfortunately, was a part of this latter group. Peanut butter has long been a staple of my diet because I have Celiac disease and require adequate nutrients to fuel my competitive running.

While I wish I could have simply accepted the school's new policy, at first, I did not agree with the change.

First, the decision was made without a proper survey of the parent and student bodies, leaving me feeling a sort-of "no peanut free policy implementation without representation" kind of emotion.

At the very least, I believe the policy should have come in a long and detailed email from an administrator—not just as an obscure blurb in a parent newsletter.

Second, those with peanut allergies have been praised for the ways in which they have silently dealt with their allergies.

I certainly do not deny this fact; however, this also leaves me feeling overlooked.

As a person dealing with Celiac disease, I, too, have experienced the sinking feeling that comes when someone brings food I am unable to eat to class; however, I do not see anyone banning gluten from campus (nor do I wish for anyone to be forced to follow this diet), even though its internal effects on me are just as bad as an external allergic reaction.

Third, many have justified the policy by extolling the many other types of

nut butters available, such as sunflower butter; however, these are massively more expensive than your classic peanut butter.

For example, Justin's almond butter is a whopping \$0.85 per ounce versus the only \$0.16 per ounce of Jif peanut butter.

Not everyone is so critical of the switch. "While it seems like an inconvenience to those of us who don't have an allergy, it is important that everyone follows the rule," senior Sara Hanson said.

I certainly agree with this statement. Putting others' lives in danger is definitely less important than eating my nut butter of choice.

"[The peanut free policy] isn't a punishment from the administration," senior Anna Clarke Harrison said. "It's a helping hand for those of us who have allergies."

While many may love and miss peanuts (rest in peace, Grab the Gold bars), the rule is ultimately in the best interest for the safety of the student body.

If you, like me, are hesitant to accept the peanut-free policy, I encourage you to seek out those who are suffering with a peanut allergy.

We often become so wrapped up in satisfying our own habits and desires that we forget to consider the needs of others.

Putting yourself in others' shoes can truly help you to understand why this is an important step for the Harpeth Hall community to take.

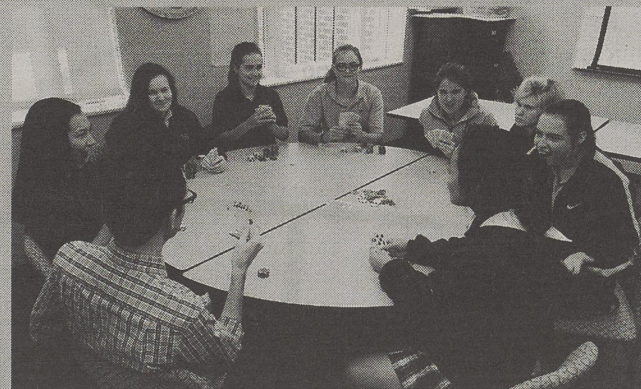
The peanut-free campus certainly has its pros and cons and has not come without advocates and naysayers, myself included.

In the end, however, despite my bias, I support the school's decision and trust that it was made with careful consideration and the students' safety kept in mind as the school's priority.

In less than a year, however, I'll be out in the real world and will eat as many spoonfuls of peanut butter as I please.

Cut the cake

New food restrictions in advisory



ADVISORY SANS SNACKS: Dr. Adam Wilsman and his advisees of the 2015-2016 school year play a snack-free game of cards. Photo by Lizzy Asad.

BY MAGGIE SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

For many students at Harpeth Hall, advisory celebrations are a very exciting part of a birthday during the school week. In the past, girls have been allowed to bring food to an advisory meeting closest to their birthday. However, this year, advisory has new limitations. Advisees and advisors are not allowed to bring any food into advisory meetings.

This decision has been met with resentment throughout the student body. Many feel that food is integral to birthdays and advisory in general. "We should be able to celebrate our own birthdays [with food], because it's not like we can really throw a party for ourselves anywhere else in school," junior Ifeanyi Da Silva said.

However, the new policy was enacted for a multitude of reasons. New Dean of Students Liz Stockdale was quick to point out the pressure that bringing food can put on an advisor. "Advisees come in and say, 'I wish you'd bring in food like my friend's advisor...' and that puts additional pressure on the advisor," said Ms. Stockdale. "It also adds up. If you think about it, we have ... 27 advisory meetings minimum. Well, if that's

\$10 [spent on food], then you're asking someone to spend \$270 throughout the year. So in the moment it may not feel like a lot, but eventually, that's big."

"The issue isn't necessarily on food so much as asking someone ... to take time away from their [day]. It really is through the lens of equity, not so much food," Ms. Stockdale said.

From my perspective, advisory food has never been a negative issue. I have done my best to never pressure my advisors into bringing food for every meeting. I know a pressure to bring food I don't have time to make or buy would be stressful and demanding. In my experience, advisory food has only been a celebratory choice made for advisory birthdays. My advisors have always considered dietary restrictions when they schedule birthdays. Even as a busy student with two working parents, I have never felt pressure to bring in food. While this stress might be an issue, I do not think removing food altogether is the solution to establish equity.

Now that this decision is final, though, it is not likely change. Whatever happens, advisories and the administration should make an effort to make birthdays just as fun and celebratory without food.

Good food, long lines

SAGE dining service met by mixed reviews

BY MOLLY POWER

Staff Writer

This August, Harpeth Hall students were treated to both a fresh new school year and a fresh new dining hall. While the food is better, long lines persist.

After a summer break remodeling, the new and improved dining space includes pizza ovens, an ice cream cooler, and expanded salad and hot bar options provided by the food service company, SAGE.

Despite some initial reservations from students who mourned the loss of favorites such as vegetable bar and tea cakes, our new menu is now widely loved by students and faculty alike.

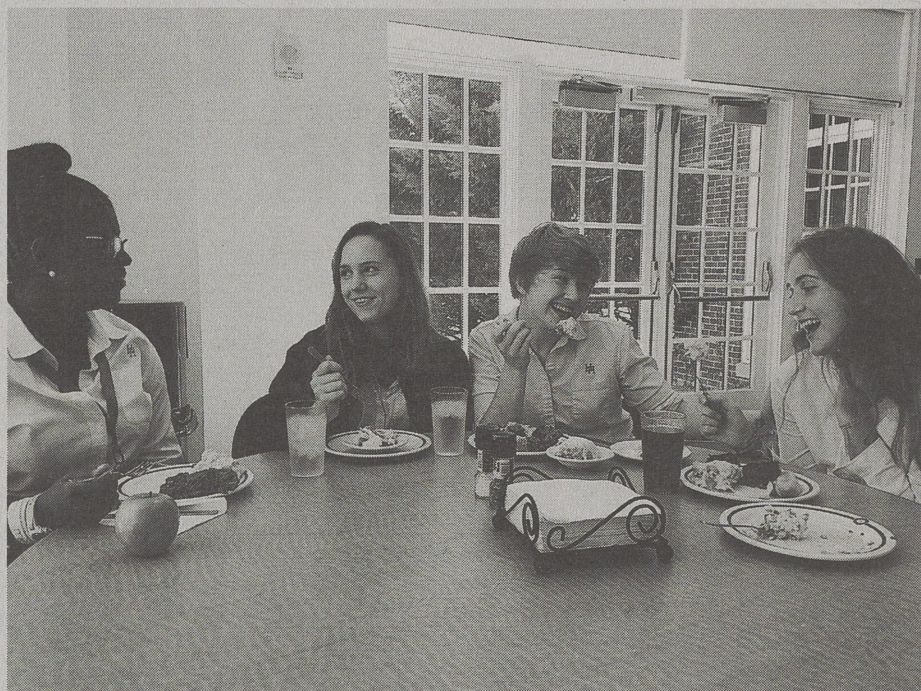
One of the best features that SAGE offers is the wide variety of items.

Lunch-goers can count on an expansive salad bar, sandwich station (and panini press), pasta or pizza option, and main entrée, along with soup, fruit and desserts. The array of choices has been an exciting shift for students.

"It's been great to have a menu change," one senior remarked, adding, "I didn't realize how uninterested I was with the old menu until I tried the SAGE food."

One notable addition is the wide array of healthy side dishes. There are several daily vegetable options ranging from the everyday peas and carrots to quinoa & black bean salad.

However, there are some drawbacks in this new system. We have yet to see a dessert that is nearly as good as the legend-



SAGE DELIVERS: Seniors Deborah Otuno, Katie Wilkins, K. Kane and Sydney McSharry enjoy lunch in September. Photo by Molly Power.

ary chocolate chip pie, oatmeal cookies, and most importantly the tea cakes. "The dining hall desserts were always an institution in my mind," one student remarked, "Hopefully they can bring back some of the classics soon."

According to Jennifer Hillen, Associate Director of Finances and Operations at Harpeth Hall, "this is definitely not the end of the tea cake."

So while we can't expect to see our beloved desert in the lunch rotation anytime soon, Sage has submitted the tea cake recipe and the recipes of some other favorite HH desserts to their nutritionist and menu team to see if they could add anything back to the menu.

For now, look for tea cakes at special HH events like Sunday on Souby, and grab them while you can.

Aside from our dessert nostalgia, students also have more pressing concerns

in regard to the long wait times.

As it stands now, some students are forced to stand in the stairwell for up to fifteen minutes before facing the crowd in the serving area.

The biggest issue causing long wait times, and the one that needs addressing the soonest, is the serving area's setup. With no clear path for students to reach each respective food station, an efficient trip around the lunchroom is simply impossible.

Luckily, this issue is already beginning to abate. The dining hall staff has worked

out several kinks on their end to ensure a steady re-supply of food during the peak of the lunch rush.

However, those changes have not fully ended the extreme lines and congested area yet.

"The line is still bad and lunch is already short. A lot of times the lines won't abate until 12:45, by which time you have 5 minutes to grab your food and 10 minutes to eat," said Dr. Adam Wilsman, social sciences teacher. "And if you have a lunch meeting? You're in trouble."

Until the stations can be shifted around or rope barriers put up to direct traffic, students should try their best to serve themselves efficiently, being generally be conscientious of their peers as they move through the line.

After all, what good is better food if you don't have the time to eat it?

Get your bearings: An unpopular change with a purpose

BY MARGARET HAYWORTH

Staff Writer

With a new school year comes new changes: new classes, new teachers and new lunches. But an especially obvious difference this year is the absence of Mrs. Maxwell. In her place is Ms. Liz Stockdale who is sure to bring new and needed changes to our upper school. But many were unaware that in saying farewell to Mrs. Maxwell, we were also saying goodbye to our beloved Daily Announcements.

When Ms. Stockdale first mentioned the switch from the Daily Announcements to a new weekly announcement, entitled "Get Your Bearings," the Harpeth Hall community was shocked. So many of us have never lived a day of our high school career without an email arriving in our inbox promptly at 2:40 detailing the next day's events. In fact, this is exactly why Ms. Stockdale switched to Get Your Bearings.

"Because we are a college prep school, the transition to a weekly announcement facilitates planning in the long-term and thinking in terms of weekly instead of daily appointments, events, etc." Ms. Stockdale said. "This is a preparation strategy and skill set. In college, events are planned out and communicated further in advance, so Get Your Bearings was put into place with that in mind."

While the idea may sound beneficial, many students are not rejoicing at the change. A recent Logos survey of 200 students shows that an overwhelming 96.5% of students prefer the Daily Announcements to Get Your Bearings. Many students dislike that it is not daily.

"Although I enjoy seeing everything ahead of time, I often lose the email with so many other things in my inbox," one survey responder said. "A daily reminder would be super helpful - I never know what is going on the day of!"

Junior and Senior girls miss the Daily Announcements so terribly that one girl from each grade has taken to creating her own Daily Announcements, complete with X-blocks, dress shirt reminders, class schedule of the day and the lunch menu.

The main problem with Get Your Bearings is that it is difficult to find. Everyday we receive an abundance of emails, and by the time Thursday rolls around, Get Your Bearings is buried beneath at least thirty other emails.

Ms. Stockdale realizes the difficulty of digging through a sea of emails and is searching for a solution. Currently, she is working to make Get Your Bearings more accessible throughout the week, whether it be through Haiku, Veracross or the Harpeth Hall website.

Although this change came as quite a shock, in the long run, I believe it will be beneficial for students. The main reason 96.5% of students prefer the Daily Announcements is because it is all we have ever known. No one particularly likes change, but it must be embraced.

Even though I, along with most of the upper school population, are disheartened when we think about never receiving a new email detailing the next day's events when we get home. I believe Get Your Bearings will teach all of us the importance of planning ahead of time and be valuable in the end.

Casual day changes: an ineffective way to confront the cost of HH education

BY SOPHIE MCKENZIE

Opinions Editor

At most private schools, casual days aren't a topic of controversy, but at Harpeth Hall, this is no longer the case.

Students once divided over what was acceptable casual dress are now divided over the decision to eliminate the \$1 fee to participate in casual days. While some have embraced this change, ultimately, this new policy is problematic.

Those in favor of the change suggest that it relieves students from the worry of having to bring money to school on those special days.

After all, Harpeth Hall families already have to pay tuition, why must students pay still more?

New Dean of Students Liz Stockdale said, "Harpeth Hall is really trying to move in the direction where when you pay tuition you're good to go."

"[Some students] feel like... 'we pay a lot of money for uniforms, we pay a lot of money for tuition, a lot of money for books.' There are a lot of expenses here.

And if we are able to cut down on those expenses bit by bit, then we want to," Ms. Stockdale said.

However, these criticisms of the "casual day for pay" system ring hollow.

People have the option to wear their uniforms on casual days if they would prefer not to spend the \$1. And those students who did pay, got both the satisfaction of generosity and one practically free service hour per paid casual day.

In an attempt to save students money, Harpeth Hall has taken away a cost that most students did not mind paying for.

Furthermore, if the administration is worried about nickel and diming Harpeth Hall families, then why do they make us buy such expensive outerwear?

I, as well as many others, would prefer paying \$1 to a charity than sixty or more to Harpeth Hall.

Even if making this change was the right thing to do, it seems inappropriate to alter casual days without surveying of students.

In response to this popular sentiment, Ms. Stockdale said, "It wasn't a survey

type situation, but there had been a lot of communication from students... so while it wasn't formal data gathering, there was a tone and an insight that students [were unhappy with the charge for casual days]."

For this situation, though, maybe something concrete such as a survey would have been more appropriate.

How many students were instrumental in making a change that ultimately affects all Harpeth Hall students?

Many support the change with the idea that it will lead to more service-oriented club activities.

New Dean of Students, Liz Stockdale, said, "The hope and the expectation is that we now start to move in the direction of, instead of giving just money, we actually conduct the service."

But even this logic is problematic. As a result of the new policy, it is now that much harder for clubs to raise money.

All these opinions leave us wondering: do the pros of this new stipulation outweigh the cons, or is it the other way around?

Dancers welcome New Dialect

BY SARAH BELLARDO
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NEW DIALECT BRINGS NEW CHOREOGRAPHY: New Dialect's instructor, Rosie, leads Ashley Zhu, Ana Gonzalez and Augusta Bryan in the Level III ballet technique class. Photo by Olivia Krueger

This semester, Harpeth Hall is collaborating with New Dialect, a local modern-dance company, to teach ballet, jazz, and modern at Harpeth Hall. Founded by a female dancer, Banning Bouldin, New Dialect is passionate about sharing dance with students. According to Stephanie Hamilton, director of the Harpeth Hall Dance Companies, "These teachers are extremely excited about sharing their knowledge of dance."

During class, the New Dialect teachers challenge students to take risks and defy the boundaries of dance. Sunni Luo, a current junior and Harpeth Hall dancer, described their teaching style: "Their

classes are structured so that there are no bounds as to where your dance ends or begins."

The New Dialect teachers also address the psychological aspect of dance. For example, Level III modern teacher Rebecca Steinberg asked students to describe their emotions using one word. Responses included tired, ready, and excited. Then, she encouraged the dancers to use their emotions to positively influence their dancing.

Because the New Dialect teachers are also professional dancers, they are informed about current dance topics. Subsequently, Ms. Hamilton has arranged

for Banning Bouldin, the director of New Dialect, to speak to dancers during the upcoming Dancer Dialogues series. During lunch and X-block, this speaker series brings in various professionals to discuss dance topics such as nutrition.

The Harpeth Hall dance company's Fall dance concert will feature pieces choreographed by New Dialect dancers. The concert is entitled "Everything Old is New Again" and celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Harpeth Hall dance companies. As a nod to the Harpeth Hall dance heritage, all the songs and composers are recycled from previous concerts.

When Ms. Hamilton came to Har-

peth Hall in 1980, only one level existed along with four companies. Today, the HH dance companies boast three Upper School levels and 16 total dance companies, including the Middle School dance program. The Upper School Dance Company is comprised of sixty seven dancers who participate in dance styles including modern, tap, jazz and hip hop. This department has become a welcoming place for any girl with a passion for dance.

Though the dance companies are celebrating their 40-year history, they are also looking to the future with the Spring Dance Concert, titled "The Best is Yet to Come."

Art Club featured at Pilgrimage

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It is not everyday that Harpeth Hall's art is represented at a music festival, but on Saturday, September 24, a tapestry made by the art club was hanging at the Pilgrimage Festival in Franklin, Tennessee. The Pilgrimage Festival is a small music festival that spans for three days in the Park at Harlinsdale. This year, there were over 10,000 attendees, and several were Honeybears.

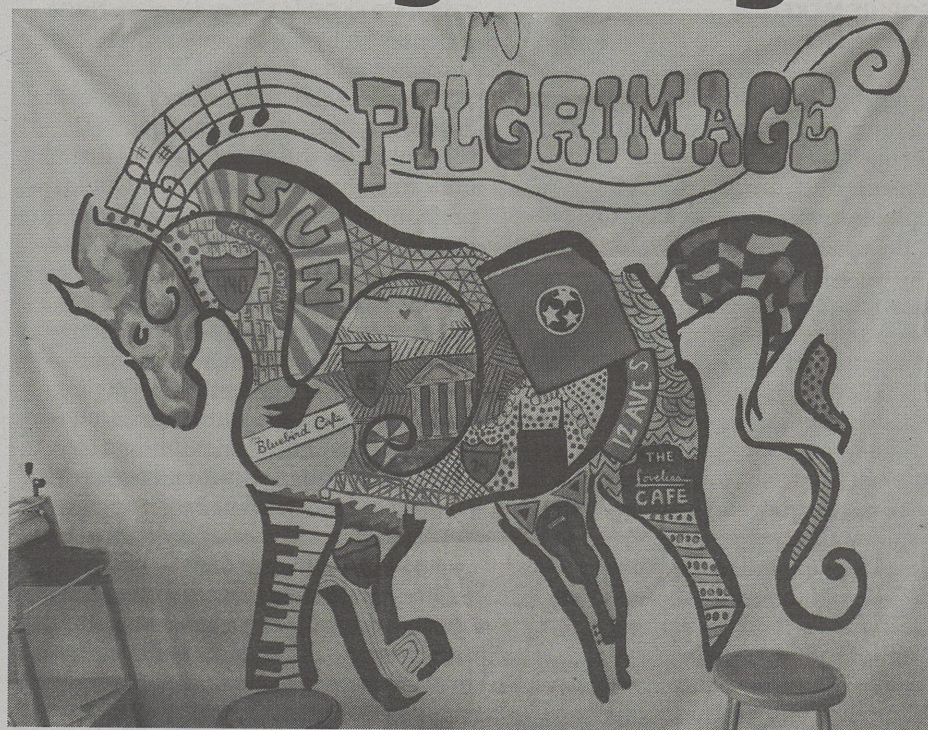
The Festival encourages organizations to make tapestries that can be hung throughout the park. If a tapestry is purchased, all of the money goes back to the organization that created the work. Art club, founded by Logos backpage editor Ashley Zhu, spent about two weeks working on a tapestry that could be sold at the festival. During lunches and X blocks, over twenty members of Art Club came and worked on the tapestry. Additionally, Ms. Noel's Art I classes contributed to painting the tapestry.

Designed by junior Maggie Tattersfield, the tapestry showcased the Ten-

nessee flag, Sun Record Company, the Parthenon, Loveless Cafe, the Batman Building, Bluebird Cafe and the major interstates around Nashville.

Art Club publicity officer Saffee Croker said, "I found that painting the tapestry was a great way to start the year. Watching all of the elements of the tapestry come together throughout the couple of weeks was truly extraordinary." Each member of the club was involved in painting parts of the tapestry and through the club's teamwork, it was finished in a timely manner. The tapestry sold for almost \$800, and half of the profit will be donated to Harpeth Hall's partnership in Lwala, Kenya to start an art program. The other half will be used to go on field trips and for future projects.

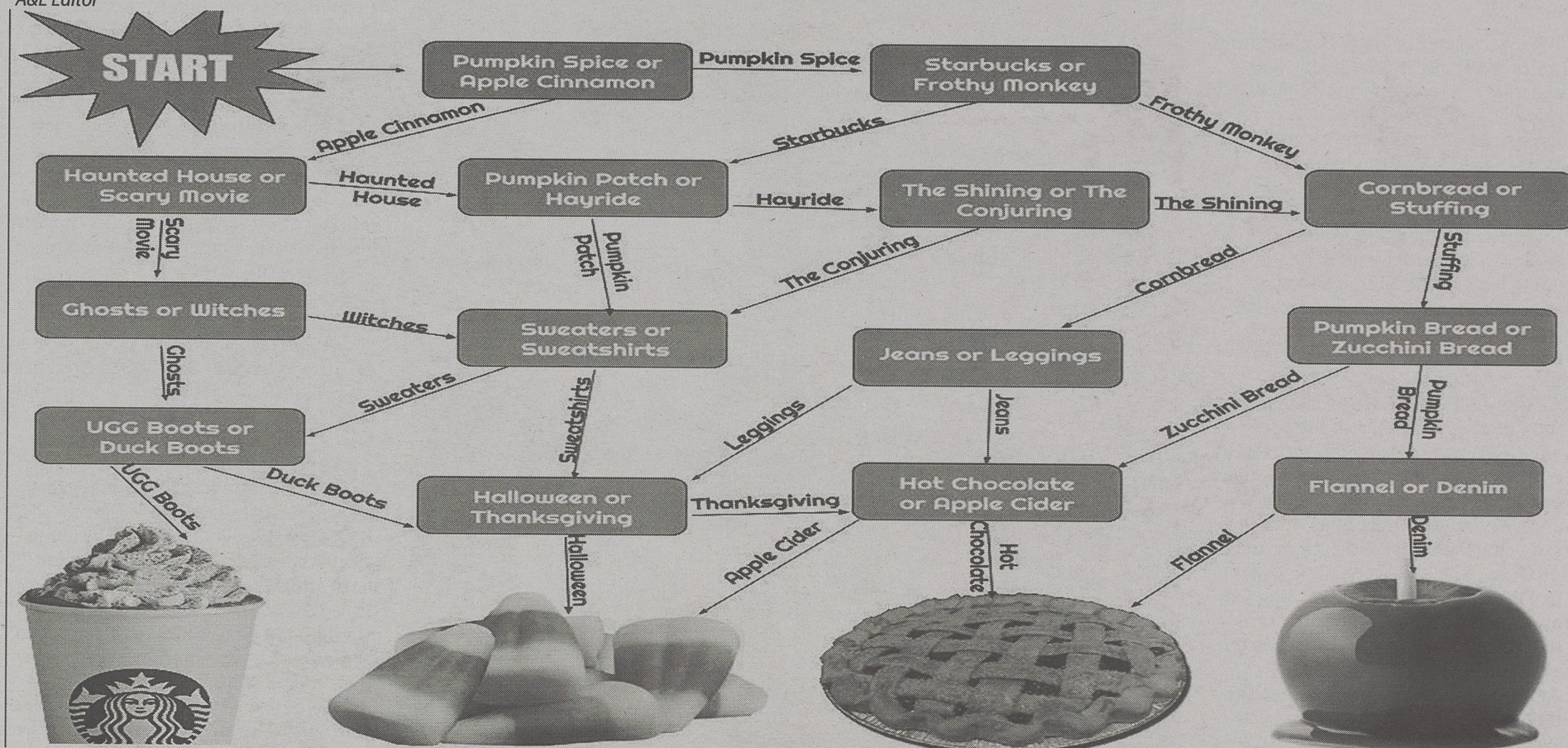
An orginial video (made by Ashley Zhu) detailing the design and painting processes of the tapestry is now available to watch on Logos-Now!



NOT HORSEING AROUND: The Art Club tapestry showcases the great artistic talent that is present at Harpeth Hall. Photo Courtesy of Olivia Krueger

Which festive fall food are you?

BY AVA BONEY
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Staggs enchants audiences

BY MAGGIE TATTERSFIELD
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Junior Charlotte Staggs has become increasingly well-known among Harpeth Hall and MBA families, as she has been in school theater productions since her arrival at Harpeth Hall in 2012.

Beginning her theatrical career in just fourth grade, Charlotte blossomed in roles such as Sebastian in 'The Little Mermaid,' Harriet in 'Emma! A Pop Musical,' and Miranda in 'Return to the Forbidden Planet.'

"What I love most about theater is the sense of community, the creativity involved, and the way it has made me a more empathetic person. Playing a character forces you to step into the shoes of someone else and see the world from their perspective" said Staggs.

In Staggs' most recent production,

'Return to the Forbidden Planet,' she starred as Miranda, the daughter of a scientist who has been lost in space for 15 years.

In this role, Staggs managed to win the hearts and minds of the audience, as well, along with those of her friends. Fellow junior Margaret Rogers reported that Staggs is "an incredible actress who surpasses most high school actors and theatrical singers."

Similarly, Harpeth Hall junior Halle Petrie said, "Not only is she an amazing actress, but she also loves what she does."

Staggs is a vital part of the Harpeth Hall theater program and continues to dazzle crowds with her voice and acting. Perhaps her senior year will be her best year yet!



SINGING HER HEART OUT: Charlotte Staggs dazzles crowds with her soulful singing voice. Photo Courtesy of Charlotte Staggs.

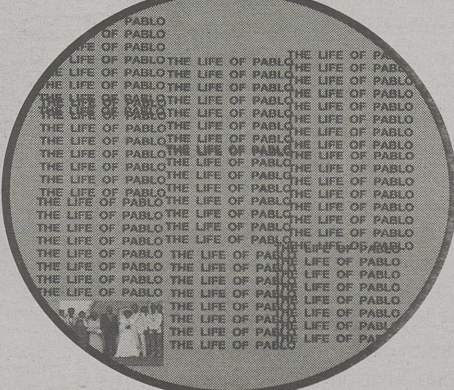
Editor's Picks: Seasonal Songs

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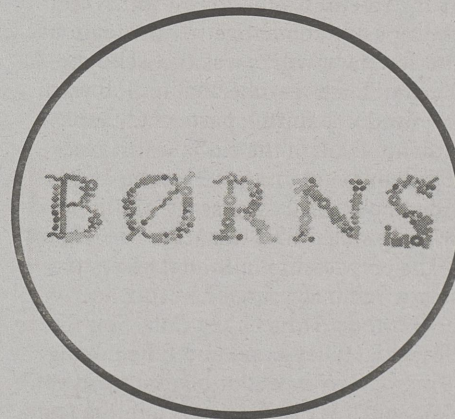
Frank Ocean's *Blond* is the perfect way to destress and wind down after long day at school.

FAVORITE SONG: "Nikes"



Kanye West's *The Life of Pablo* offers a unique listening experience like no other.

FAVORITE SONG: "Highlights"



The upbeat electronic-pop style of Born's *Dopamine* is a great way to cheer up after a difficult test.

FAVORITE SONG: "Electric Love"



Although it released in 1976, ABBA's *Arrival* features songs that are still relevant today.

FAVORITE SONG: "Dancing Queen"

Catching up with Coach Romero

BY EMILY JENKINS AND HALLE PETRIE
Sports Editors

What drives one of Harpeth Hall's most familiar presences in the Athletic and Wellness Center weight room? It may not be surprising to learn that Coach Romero considers his greatest achievement in life to be living as "a husband to my wife and a father to my kids." However, some of this family man's tough-love philosophy is a little more under wraps. We caught up with Coach Romero down in the weight room to hear a little bit more about his life and his philosophy on fitness.

Q: How did you decide to come to Nashville? What drew you to Harpeth Hall?

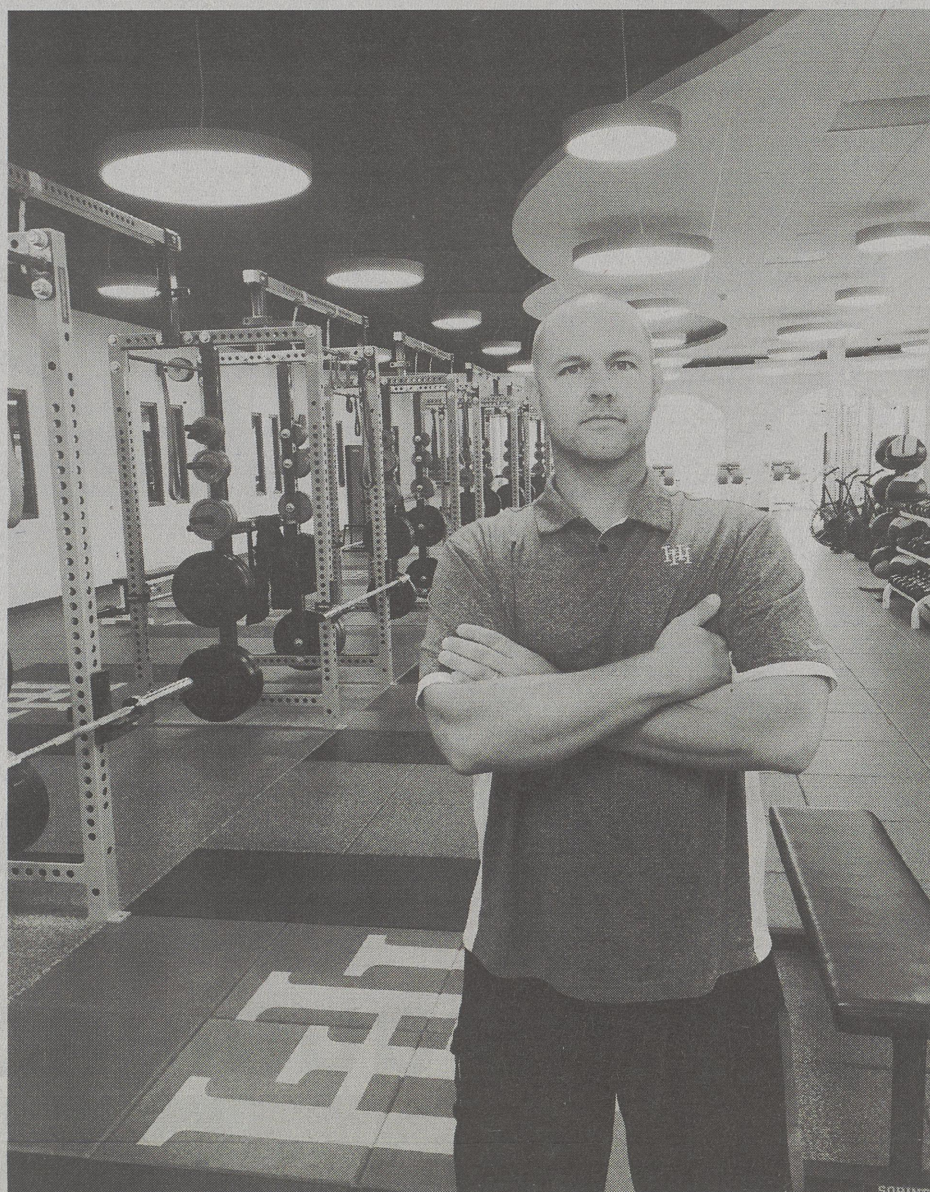
A: This job is what I was excited about when I first found out about the opportunity [to come to Nashville], and it has turned out to be more than we could have ever expected. The Harpeth Hall community has been so great to us from the first day my family arrived back in June of 2010.

Q: Did you grow up with a strong sense of healthy living and eating or is it something you gained perspective on over time?

A: I grew up in a home where healthy eating was the norm for the most part. However, things have really changed over the past 40 years when it comes to our food industry, so being able to share with others what healthy eating and living looks like today as opposed to 20, 30, 40 years ago is what I feel is strongly needed more than anything else.

Q: What was your transition from an athlete to a coach like?

A: The change from athlete to coach was a long process because it took time for me to understand that each athlete I train/coach has specific needs. I learned



WELCOME TO MY HOUSE: Coach Jim Romero poses proudly in front of his weight room at one of the rare times he does not have a class. Photo by Emily Jenkins and Halle Petrie.

early on when I first started 17 years ago I couldn't take any program and try to fit it into what I was doing. I had to create a program that fit the athlete and her environment. It still baffles me when I hear a coach or trainer say that they are using such and such program that they got from a college, yet they are training and coaching a freshman in high school.

Q: When did you start to see your potential to be a strength coach? What did you think you wanted to do before then?

A: I have always enjoyed athletics at the high school level. My best memories as an athlete were at the high school level, and so I knew that I wanted to return in some capacity as a coach once I graduated from college. When I first started as a strength coach at the high school level I was one of only a few. Most of the strength coaches were at the collegiate level. So I didn't know at the time that this would eventually end up being my career.

Q: How does your philosophy about strength transfer to everyday life, for both athletes and nonathletes?

A: I think that my philosophy about strength is a bit like life. You need to be able to get up each morning, have a routine, and be excited about what you do.

Q: Where are you looking to improve Harpeth Hall's strength program in the future?

A: I think that every year I try to tweak something about the program that I feel will benefit the girls. If there is something I think will truly help long term I am going to make a change. I never want to get stuck in my ways and feel as though the program needs no tweaking. I think with everything we can always improve even if it is something very small.

Wrapping Up the Season: Fall Sports Update

BY CAROLINE DANIEL
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The daylight is fading quickly and the mornings are coming with a slight crisp in the air, meaning fall is finally here at the Hall.

Although the stifling heat is just starting to wave goodbye and the school year has just gotten into full swing, many of our Honeybear athletes have been hard at work since the beginning of the summer, preparing themselves for their best seasons yet.

The volleyball team is off to a fantastic start this year. Led by eight dedicated seniors, the team has been training hard since summer to prepare for a great finish in the state tournament. The girls have passed, set, and spiked through most of the season with great success.

Highlights of the volleyball team's season include a 3-0 win against Division II competitor JPII, as well as decisive victories against Brentwood Academy and Ensworth. With these victories, a state championship trophy looks very plausible.

Our soccer Bears have also been fighting long and hard since the heat of the summer. Kicking off their season in early August, the Bears left behind beach vacations for bus rides to away games, hoping to finish with a state trophy.

The season hasn't had all positive outcomes, however. Senior AC Harrison put it well by saying, "the soccer team has faced some adversity this season, but

we're holding strong and pushing forward to hopefully have a great finish at state." Despite this, these girls are headed in the right direction! Coming off recent 1-1 ties with GPS and Baylor, two of the Division's toughest competitors, the team has proved they can hang with the best. Stay tuned to see the soccer Bears accomplish their biggest goals!

Next is the Cross Country team, whose season has started off with a bang. Led by a strong group of seniors who have made major impacts since their freshman seasons, the team has been running strong and hard since the first week of June, and it has paid off.

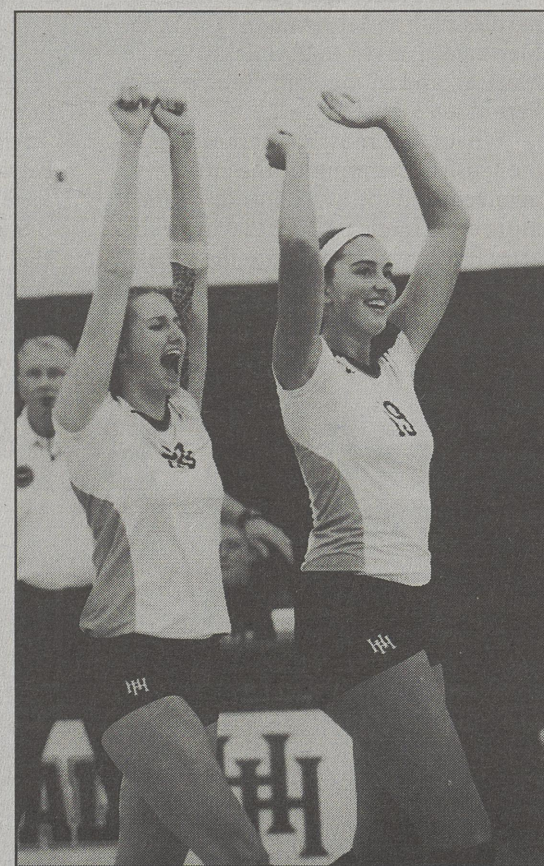
The Varsity team placed 3rd and 1st in their first two meets against tough competition, and the Junior Varsity team has also fared well against strong schools. At the Chickasaw Invitational in Alabama, the Varsity performed especially well, as individual girls finished 2nd-4th place. Keep your eyes on the XC team - hopefully they will run their way to a great finish at state in November.

The crew team is also preparing to have a fantastic year, led by four fearless seniors: Anna Grace Cole, Sophia Howard, Hailey Lund and Ellie Loving. "This year we have our biggest team yet," Cole said. "We had 11 girls join the team to make up a really solid novice crew. They have been working really hard on the water and the ergs in preparation for their upcoming races. The varsity girls have also been working really hard,

putting in more meters in these first few weeks than any other year in the program's history. The times we've seen on the ergs are faster than they ever have been for our team, and we are all really excited to see how our races go this fall." In their first regatta on October 1, the HHV4+ team had their first varsity win ever, setting the tone for a great season.

Our mighty golfers just wrapped up their season with an outstanding third place finish at the State match as the second place qualifier in their region. Junior standout Ellie Moore was able to finish third in the region. "My favorite part of the season was the overnight team bonding activity our team put together," Moore said. It really brought us together and allowed us to perform our best all season!" Congratulations to Ellie and all of our other golfers on bringing home the bronze!

Last but certainly not least is the amazing Riflery team. The team has not started their official matches yet, but senior Katie Wilkins believes they are ready for a great year of shooting. "The rifle team has four new members this year, making it our largest team to date," Wilkins said. We are really excited for the upcoming season and we can't wait to see what we can accomplish!"



BUMP, SET, SPIKE: The volleyball seniors celebrate a win. Photo Courtesy of Kelsey Kay Herring

The fall season is quickly coming to a close and for many of Harpeth Hall's seniors, it will be the last time they wear the green and grey.

HH Students' Undiscovered Talents

BY EMILY JENKINS, HALLE PETRIE, AND KELSEY KAY HERRING

Sports Editors

Looking for some new athletic inspiration? We talked to five Harpeth Hall students that participate in nontraditional sports not offered at Harpeth Hall.

Many Harpeth Hall students, from the ultra-athletic to the less sports-oriented feel they get stuck in a monotonous exercise regimen, but it is important to find a passion and pursue

it. These are a few examples of unique ways to exercise, indoors or out, to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Here's what a few of our classmates had to say about their involvement in these uncommon yet fascinating sports, sports that include martial arts, water skiing, kickboxing, gymnastics and equestrian.

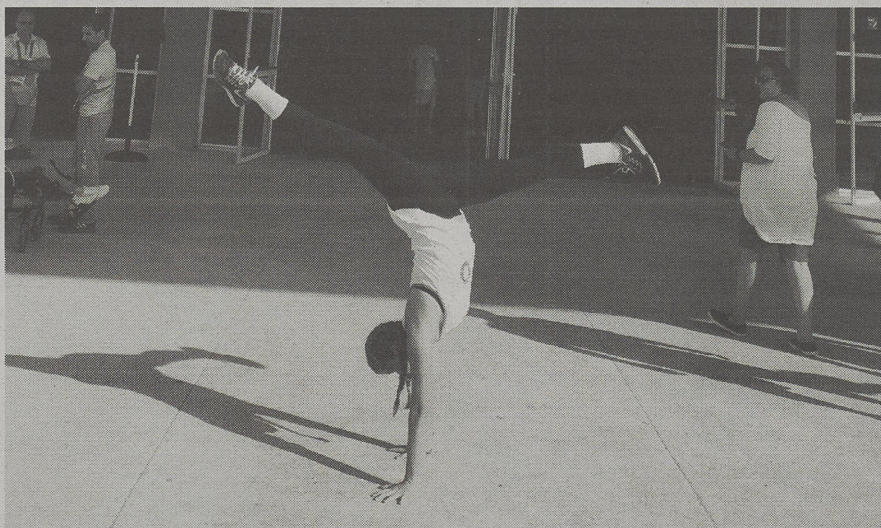


ROOSTER TAIL: Kate Sullivan flies across the surface of Center Hill Lake. Photo courtesy of Kate Sullivan.

Kate Sullivan: Water Skiing

"I was introduced to water skiing when I was 6 years old. My dad and his family grew up on Center Hill Lake, so it has always been a family routine to spend every weekend in the spring, summer, and fall up in Smithville, Tennessee. I didn't start slalom (skiing on one ski) until I was about 8. When I was 13, I started going to Lillington, North Carolina, to train during the summer. In slalom,

there is a six buoy course, along with an opening and closing gate, that you must go through. The winner is basically whoever can go through the course the fastest and with the shortest length rope. I love slalom because it tests my physical strengths to its fullest capacity. Safe to say I've had my fair share of ugly crashes, but at the end of the day, even the smallest of successes make my time skiing worthwhile."



STICK THE LANDING: Lizzy Blade shows off her skills as a visitor to the 2016 Rio Olympics. Photo courtesy of Lizzy Blade

Lizzy Blade: Gymnastics

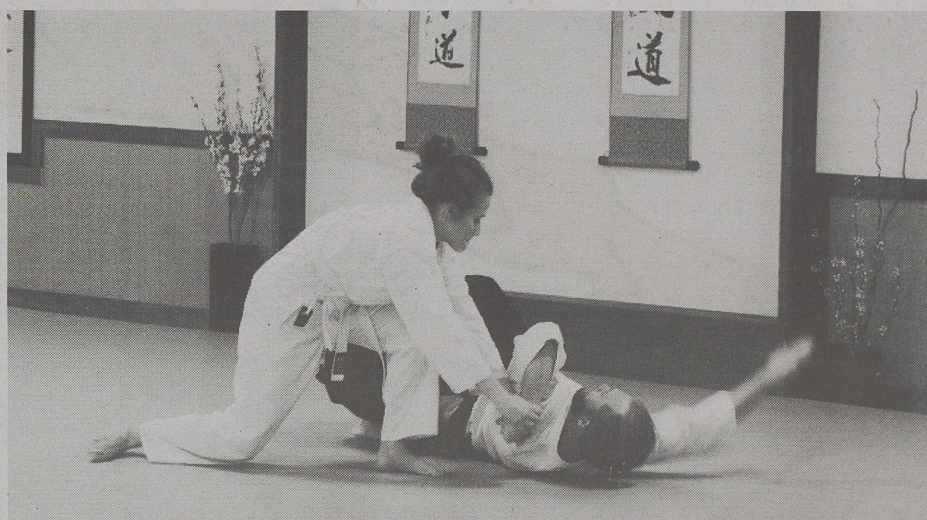
"At 5 years old, I never knew that I would come to love gymnastics so much. I just thought it was fun and that I would try it. However, as the years went by, I began to unravel this passion I had for the sport.

But I began to encounter difficulties as I kept growing while my friends seemed to stay short. In gymnastics, growing is hard to handle because you must learn to adjust to your new height when flipping which means more strength and more practice. We would all stand in the line up at meets and I was the tallest on the team of all ages by the time I was in fifth grade. Because of my growth, I was determined to not let it hinder me and keep going even though it was difficult.

[Eventually,] during the summer, I would be dropped off at the gym at 9 AM and not leave till 8 PM. I wanted to be a role model for other tall gymnasts to let them know they could do it too.

Honestly, that is why I love gymnastics: the challenge of defying gravity through the vault, uneven bars, beam, and floor despite the obstacles and the high aspirations I had. I knew exactly what my goals were and couldn't rest until I completed them.

Gymnasts work so hard for little to no reward except for the very very few that make it to the Olympics where the world finally appreciates them. I think that's what makes the sport so special and difficult all wrapped into one."

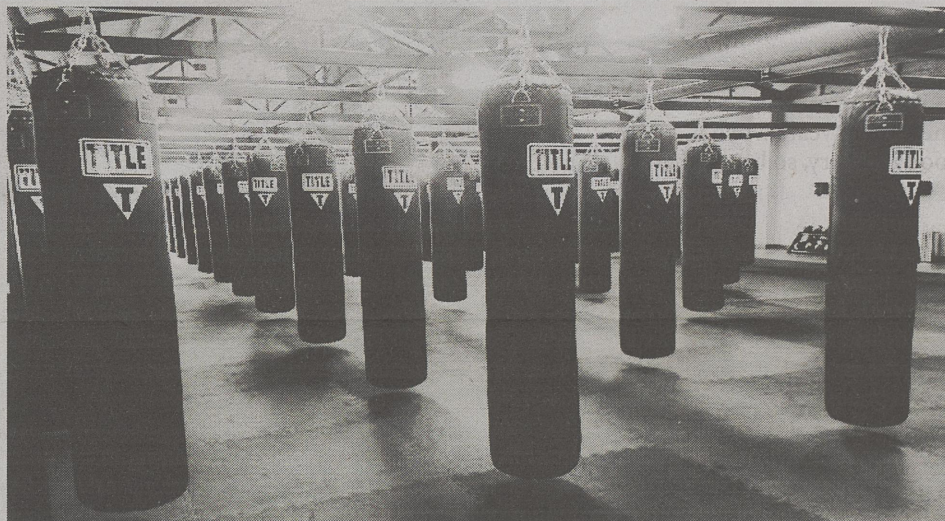


TAKE DOWN: Sophie McKenzie practices her martial arts moves. Photo courtesy of Sophia McKenzie

Sophie McKenzie: Martial Arts

"I started Aikido by googling Japanese Martial Arts that Samurai do because I've always loved the Samurai and Japan. I found the Dojo of Nashville online and that was it. Aikido is a Japanese martial art that focuses on using the energy of your opponent against them in a way that other martial arts, like Kung Fu or Judo,

just don't do. It's very self-defensive, so instead of learning how to strike people, you learn how to defend yourself against strikes. I enjoy it because I love learning how to fight, and it's very unusual for a lot of people to learn martial arts; I've also learned more about Japanese culture. I have made amazing friends through the program, too."



JAB, CROSS, HOOK: Title Boxing offers workouts of all kinds. Photo Courtesy of Title Boxing

Sara Hanson: Kickboxing

"When I first heard that Eliza Hawkins had started boxing at Title in Green Hills, I was super intrigued; I had always wanted to learn...and now I knew the place to start. So, one random Saturday at 8:00 in the morning, I took my first class at Title. Because it was so early in the morning, nobody was really there yet, and the trainer took me through the 6 types of punches I needed to know for the

session. Then, I took my first class! It was super simple to learn the punches and the correct stance, but the different punch combinations kept the class interesting. Everything was super fast paced; by the end I was exhausted. I loved that an hour had flown by so quickly. It was easy to get wrapped up in the punches, and I could feel myself getting better and stronger with each punch. I love the camaraderie at Title (it's mostly women!)



BACK IN THE SADDLE: Caroline Segers, another horseback rider at Harpeth Hall, flawlessly guides her horse over a hurdle. Photo courtesy of Caroline Segers

Katie Mendes: Equestrian

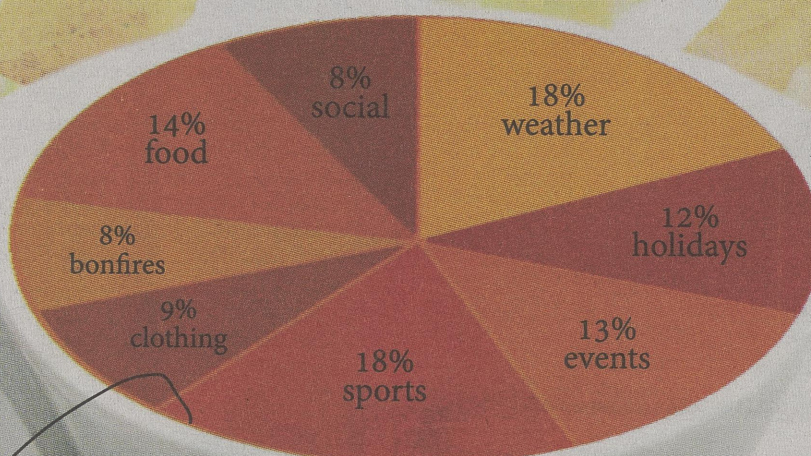
"I started horseback riding when I was eight-years-old and I have been hooked ever since. I started out taking lessons maybe once a week and in the past years have been competing regularly. Equestrian is quite a unique sport. It is the only sport in which men and women compete as equals and your teammate is 2,000-pound animal and cannot talk.

My love for horses is rooted in the special bond between a horse and rider. This bond is so unique that it can be hard to understand if you have never experienced it. Once you have you will never look back. My favorite part of riding is the thrill that I get when I am suspended in mid-air for just a split second as I am jumping. It is the best feeling in the world and I would not give it up for anything."

Fall Favorites

O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.

- Robert Frost, October



A student poll
of Harpeth
Hall students'
favorite things
about fall

Student Thoughts about the Season

"Some of my favorite memories are associated with fall. Being outside in the crisp weather is just as enjoyable as feeling the warmth indoors in chatting with loved ones while sipping apple cider. In general, it's just such a beautiful time and easily my favorite time of the year!" -Junior Bushra Rahman

"The streets were orange. Not orange like pumpkin mush, the pretty orange, like fall leaves you see on a calendar that raises your expectations beyond the achievable. It was a lonely orange." -Junior SB Fuchs

"My family has a tradition called 'Leaf Day' in which we have brunch at the Loveless, drive down the Natchez Trace across the big bridge to get to our favorite spot, and rake leaves together, jump in them repeatedly, and play some games of flag football. It's one of the things I look forward to most in the fall."

- Freshman Maggie Sullivan

"ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALLLLL?" -Anonymous

Most Mentioned

1. Wearing Sweaters
2. Bonfires
3. Thanksgiving
4. Leaves changing
5. Halloween